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Walsh Won't Seek 7th Term As Town's State Rep.

Six-term State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) announced Wednesday morning he will not seek a seventh term on Beacon Hill.

Walsh returned to the Captain Charles Leonard House, the site where he launched his first bid for the seat he has held for the past 12 years, to make the announcement before members of the press, family, and supporters.

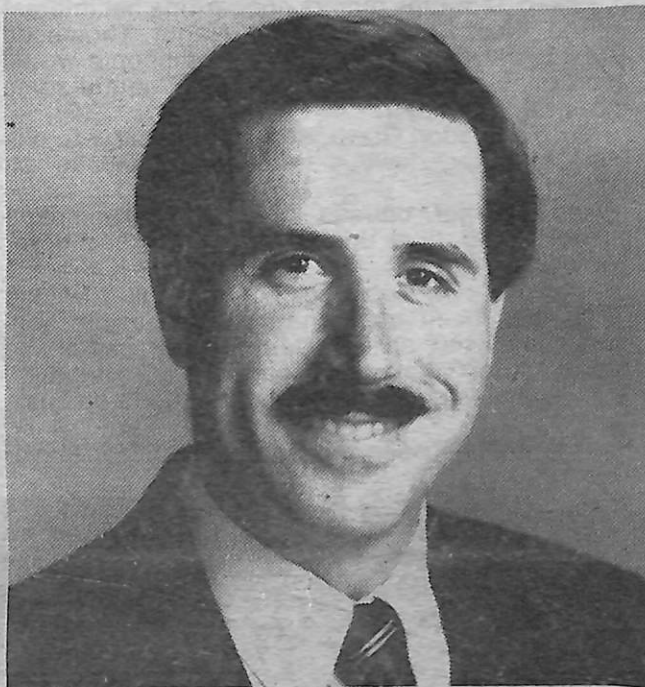
Walsh, 37, said he would be making his future plans public in the near future. It has been widely speculated, however, that Walsh plans to run for Hampden County clerk of courts, a seat now held by Democrat William "Buddy" Martin.

Walsh would not confirm he was seeking to make a run for clerk of courts and added he was keeping his options open.

Walsh represents the towns of Agawam, Southwick, Granville, Chester, Tolland, Russell, and Blandford in the third Hampden District. The 1974 graduate of Agawam High School and 1978 graduate of St. Anselm's College has risen through the ranks over the years and is now a key player in the leadership team of House Speaker Charles F. Flaherty.

Began Here 12 Years Ago

Walsh opened his remarks on Wednesday morning by stating, "Twelve years ago, in this very room, I announced my candidacy for state representative. Many of you here today were with me then and have been with me ever since. Your support has been the cornerstone of my success in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. I will be forever grateful for your help."



STATE REP. MICHAEL P. WALSH

Walsh said he makes this decision "with no small amount of sadness. I have accomplished the agenda that I initiated in this room 12 years ago, and perhaps a bit more. There comes a time to move on, to follow a new direction, and to seek new challenges."

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Schools To Seek 3 Additions; New School At Turf

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder will be presenting his recommendations on the space needs of the school system to the School Committee at its March 8th meeting.

Ryder's proposal will include recommending additions to Robinson Park School, James Clark School, and Agawam High School, and plans for building a new elementary school on a portion of the Tuckahoe Turf Farm property.

Ryder said he was not recommending additions to Granger and Phelps due to a lack of space for expansion. Additionally, current traffic problems at those two schools would only be exacerbated by increasing the student population, according to him.

A workshop meeting was attended by School Committee members Linda Galarneau, Susan Petazzoni, Louise David, and Scott Macey, Associate Superintendent Donald Charest, and school principals Ralph Zavarella, Smith Rovelli, Phyllis Lewis, Kevin Littlefield, and Phelps interim principal John Mumford. Ryder outlined his philosophy for class size goals, elementary school libraries, and plans for additions to existing school buildings. The plans are aimed at alleviating overcrowding, as well as plans for building a new elementary school in the future.

SEE SCHOOL LIST - Education Section...

Spring Was Here - Spring Has Gone



THE BEAUTIFUL 65 degree days of last weekend are again a thing of the past as another snowstorm was hitting the area at presstime. Taking pleasure in playing an outdoor game of hoop at Campbell Drive last Saturday were Keith Cosimini, Matt Cosimini, and Corey Hopkins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

School Officials Act On Gambling At Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

School Department officials recently confirmed reports of a long-standing problem with students gambling at Agawam High School.

A segment on compulsive gambling and the problems with gambling at AHS will air on the Monday, February 28th broadcast of "Inside Edition," seen locally on WSFB TV-3 at 7:00 p.m.

The AAN has learned that a group of up to three student "bookies" has been operating at the high school.

Apparently, AHS students were enticed into placing bets on professional sporting events and were encouraged to continue placing bets, resulting in the accumulation of debts in the hundreds of dollars.

Acting on the complaint of a parent, AHS Principal Russell Furtado conducted an investigation that led to one student opting to withdraw from the school in the face of indefinite assignment to internal suspension that may have led to the student's ultimate expulsion from the school system.

SEE GAMBLING - Education Section...

Vying For State Rep. Seat...

Bitzas Leaning Toward Run; Taylor Sounds Like Candidate

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

State Representative Michael P. Walsh's decision not to seek a seventh term as the Third Hampden District's representative in the State House next November has opened the floodgates of rumor and speculation as a number of Agawam political names are said to be considering entering the race.

Although he will not officially announce his candidacy until April, Town Council Vice-President George Bitzas told *The AAN* he is "seriously considering" a run for the seat being vacated by Walsh. Presently, Bitzas said he is still conferring with his wife and family before making a final decision.

Bitzas said he had been approached by several people urging him to enter the race when rumors began circulating weeks ago about Walsh's expected announcement.

"So far, I'm leaning towards it," Bitzas said. "With my education and background, I think I can serve the people of my district. I know it will be hard to fill Mike's shoes, but, if elected, I will try to serve the people of my district."

Bitzas said it is too early to assemble a campaign committee, but he expects to have the support of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee.

According to Democratic Committee Chairman (and Town Councilor) Thomas Ennis, the Democratic Committee tries to stay out of the primary elections if more than one Democrat is running, and to unite to support their candidate in the general election.

"I'm pretty sure I'll be supporting George," Ennis said. "If the Democrats can unify behind one candidate, we have a good chance to win."

Playing it close to the vest, Town Council President James Taylor said he was waiting for Walsh's official announcement at presstime

before making his decision on making another bid for the seat. Taylor ran unsuccessfully as a Republican against Walsh four years ago.

"I'm examining my options right now," Taylor said on Tuesday. "I'm giving it my utmost consideration. If Mr. Walsh makes his announcement, that will kind of pave the way."

Taylor admitted, "I've talked to a few people at the state and local levels, and I'm still weighing the pros and cons."

Taylor said his campaign committee from the election last fall was "still intact" should he decide to run.

Another name on the growing list of possible candidates that surfaced on Wednesday morning was Town Councilor Gary E. Suffriti. Suffriti is currently in his second term on the council. He topped the ticket in 1991 and finished second in 1993.

"I am keeping my options open and am thinking about it," Suffriti told us.

Asked about the rumors concerning her interest in the race, Town Councilor Nancy Thompson Gravel told us, "I'm honored that people would even consider me. This is going to require some thought on my part."

Ms. Thompson Gravel added, "I'm sorry to see Mike stepping down. I think he's done an excellent job."

Keeping her options open, Ms. Thompson Gravel noted, "I'm thinking about it. One never knows."

Former Town Councilor Joanne Willis, whose name has been mentioned as a possible candidate, held off on commenting one way or the other. "I don't have any comment at this time," Mrs. Willis said when reached by phone on Tuesday.

Mrs. Willis lost in the primary race for Mayor last fall.

REP. WALSH - from Page 1...

Walsh said the wear and tear of traveling to and from Boston on a regular basis played a role in his decision. He and his wife of three years, Mary McLaughlin, are thinking of starting a family, prompting him to remark, "We see our future changing in focus and direction. I hope my constituents will understand our wish to seek that new direction."

Walsh called serving in the State Legislature "an honor. It's been a responsibility that I've held sacred. To serve the people that I've represented in this district has been a privilege and an experience I will always cherish."

Walsh was first selected to the House of Representatives in 1982 and his rise into the ranks of the leadership makes him one of the most powerful legislators not only in Western Mass. but in the entire state.

Chairman Of Key Committee

His most important assignment to date is his current one, as House chairman of the Government Regulations Committee, a post he has held for three years.

Currently, this committee is a key player in attempts to expand legalized gambling in Massachusetts, including much discussed and controversial bills to bring casino gambling to Massachusetts.

In his statement on Wednesday, Walsh promised to serve the remainder of his sixth term, which expires in early January 1995, "with all the energy and commitment that the people of this district deserve from their elected representative."

Walsh is considered a favorite son here in Agawam. He attained his law degree from Suffolk University several years ago. He is well-known for his tenacity in following through with problems facing the district and can always be seen attending civic and social events throughout the seven towns he represents.

Walsh acknowledged and thanked his family members, staff, and his wife, Mary, for all their support and devotion to him over the years. He concluded his statement by saying, "To all my supporters, to the people who believed in me enough to hold lawn signs, lick envelopes, make phone calls, and to the folks who cooked all that ziti and all those meatballs - you are my extended family."

"I cherish my friendship with each and every one of you. Again, thank-you so much," concluded Walsh.

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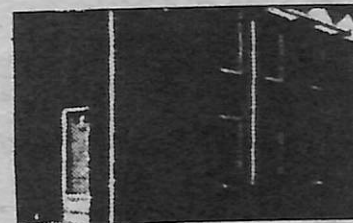
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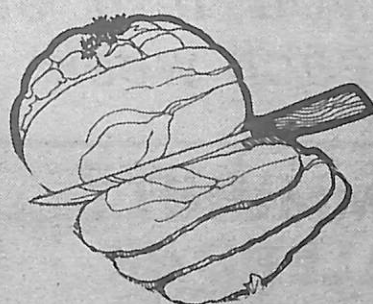
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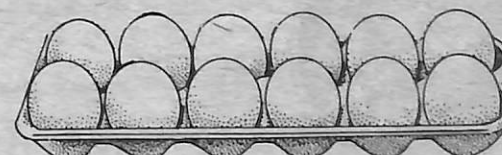
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Letters To The Editor

American Diabetes Association Needs Our Readers' Help

To The Editor:

The American Diabetes Association needs your help in our efforts to find a cure for a disease that claims 150,000 lives each year. Our mission is to find a preventive and cure for diabetes, and to improve the lives of the 13 million Americans who suffer from this disease.

The American Diabetes Association currently funds 30 vital research projects right here in Massachusetts, with grants totalling more than \$850,000.

The Massachusetts Affiliate also provides education programs for consumers and health care professionals, serving an estimated 400,000 people with diabetes and their families across the entire Commonwealth.

We need your help in promoting Tour de Cure, one of our biggest and most exciting fundraising events of the year. Tour de Cure is a cycling event for people of all ages and abilities. The ride takes place in South Hadley on Sunday, June 12th, starting and finishing at the South Hadley Middle School on Mosier St.

Participants will choose from three great cycling loops through the beautiful and scenic communities of the five college area. All proceeds from Tour de Cure will benefit the Massachusetts Affiliate's research and education program.

Please call me at the Massachusetts Affiliate at (413) 567-3671 if you have any questions about Tour de Cure. Thanks in advance for helping us in our efforts to find a cure!

Sincerely,
Faith L. Linsky
Event Coordinator

Make Someone Feel Good By Helping Them Out

To The Editor:

To News Editor Kathy Cassanelli:

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Eddie Barako
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Early Childhood Fundraiser Receives Help From Business

To The Editor:

The Agawam Early Childhood Center Fundraising Committee would like to thank a number of businesses for donating gift certificates and other prizes to our raffle:

The Federal Hill Club, Casa Di Lisa, Take Five, E.B.'s, Alvin's, Luigi's Pizza & Pasta, Peterjones, Bruno's Pizza, Fitness First, Sheraton Health Club, Healthy Habits, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Food Mart, Agawam Stables, Agawam Corner Deli & Variety, Unlimited Length Nail Studio, Agawam Bowl, Brooks Drugs, Westfield Savings Bank, S.I.S.

Also, Country Flower & Gift Shop, Shear Technique, Agawam Cleaners, Stearns & Yerrall, F.L. Roberts, Aramatic Coffee, Riverside Park, The Country Mouse House, Boglish Nursery, Cooper's Corner, Lewis & Arnold, Agawam Public Market, Bruno Antico, Agawam Funeral Home, Ryan Drugs, Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gym, Paula Antico, Relax Center for Yoga, Surprise! Card & Gifts, and Landry, Lyons & White.

We also would like to thank all who participated in the raffle. Thanks to your support, our fundraising efforts were very successful.

Sincerely,
The Agawam Early Childhood Center
Fundraising Committee

"A Changing Agawam" Is Nothing To Be Proud Of

To The Editor:

In a recent article in *The Boston Herald*, we have learned that the stupid gas west of Route 495 has affected the smell of our roses.

In recent events, we have found that it is better to keep one's mouth shut and be thought a fool than to open it and remove all doubt!

The recent situation in our "Cop Shop" has certainly made pork barrel perversion a common practice in the political grandeur and compensation of the "political edifice" called Town Hall.

Civil service qualifications are not required in the delicate position of "Top Cop of Agawam."

Civil service requirements prevail in the Sealer of Weights and Measures position, whereas the only requirements are 16 ounces per pound.

We have a fire house on Elm Street in Agawam which is listed in the Historical Society and should not be occupied.

We have a group of intimidated and brow beaten employees in this town who are completely controlled by a timid group called superiors and elected council.

"A Changing Agawam."

Dan Courtney
Feeding Hills

UNICO & Lions Clubs Thanked By Childhood Ctr.

To The Editor:

The Agawam Early Childhood Center would like to thank UNICO and the Lions Club for their generous donation. Thanks to their support, the children visited the Dinosaurs Alive exhibit at the Holyoke Children's Museum and had a wonderful time.

Once again, thank you for making this field trip possible.

Sincerely,
The Agawam Early Childhood Center

Parents Support Curriculum On Abstinence Promotion

To The Editor:

There will be a meeting with the Agawam Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Bernard Ryder, on March 2nd at 1:00 p.m. at the Junior High School to discuss an abstinence-based AIDS curriculum for the Agawam Public School System.

This curriculum is not presently available; instead, condom usage is taught.

We wish to encourage Agawam taxpayers who are interested in an abstinence program to attend the upcoming meeting.

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At Agawam Senior Center
1:30 p.m.

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At Rm. 42, Ag. High School
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Retirement Party Held For Fire Chief Jenks



RETIRED AGAWAM FIRE CHIEF RUSTY JENKS was feted at a retirement party on Friday, February 18th, at Storowton Tavern. Above, Jenks receives proclamations from State Rep. Michael P. Walsh (left) and State Senator Linda J. Melconian. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Howard T. Jensen

Howard T. Jensen, 87, of 82 Plantation Drive, Agawam, an area insurer and former Springfield lawmaker, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. He was an insurance broker, and owned and operated the Jensen Insurance Agency for 27 years.

He was born in Westfield, and lived in Springfield for more than 30 years before moving to Wilbraham in 1953. He lived here from 1970.

He was a member and president of the Springfield City Council in 1937-41, and a Republican State Committee member. He was a city mayoral candidate in 1948.

He belonged to the Shriners Melha Temple and Elks Lodge 61. He was also a member of the Springfield Masonic Lodge, the Kiwanis, and the Civitan Club.

He was the widower of the former Edith R. (Dewey); leaves a son, Howard T. Jr. of Webster; three daughters, Gwentyth Cox of Brightwater, Long Island, N.Y., Maureen Tyburski of Hampden, and Nancy Dooley of Fairfax, Virginia; 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with a spring burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

Fred C. Emerson

Fred C. Emerson of Monson died February 7th at his home in Florida. A native of Billings, Montana, he moved to Massachusetts at an early age.

He worked as vice-president of Spartan Saw Co., Food Stamp Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, proprietor of the Drummer's Club in Worthington, and most recently as an interpreter at Sturbridge Village and Justice of the Peace in Western Mass.

He was past president of the Huntington and Agawam Lions Clubs, a mason (K.T. Shriner), and a trustee for both SIS Bank and the Eastern States Exposition.

Mr. Emerson was also a selectman for the Town of Agawam. He is survived by his wife, Lee; a brother, Arthur of Raleigh, North Carolina; a sister, Leigh, of California; six children; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at the Congregational Church in Monson.

James A. Reidy

James A. Reidy, 64, of 1210 North St., Suffield, Connecticut, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked for 24 years at Alco Equipment Co. in Agawam before his retirement. He was most recently assistant superintendant for the former DARO Development Corp.

Born in Holyoke, he lived in Agawam before moving to Suffield 28 years ago. He attended St. George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Aphrodite Andrews; two sisters, Janet Hayward of Chicopee and Claire C. Campbell of Vero Beach, Florida; several nieces and nephews, and two grandnieces.

The funeral was at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, March 7, 1994 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated February 3, 1994 for permission to erect a line of poles with wires & fixtures in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

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Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 787-9460.
Petition No. 1333. Street: Shoemaker Lane.

Ursula Retzler

Clerk of the Council

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Check our classified

Town Honors Retired Agawam Fire Chief



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON (right) and Town Council President James D. Taylor (left) present town proclamations to retired Fire Chief Rusty Jenks at last Friday night's retirement party at Storowton Tavern. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RETIRED AGAWAM FIRE CHIEF Rusty Jenks and his wife, Joan, and Acting Fire Chief David Pisano, and his wife, Donna, are all smiles at Rusty's retirement party last Friday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Taxes Going Up Here; Country Club Money Gets OK

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At its February 22nd meeting, Town Council adopted a resolution that raised the tax rate for residential and commercial property to an approximated level of \$15.11 per thousand for residential property, and \$20.08 per thousand for commercial and industrial property.

The new rate reflects an increase of 2½% over last year's assessments, the maximum allowed under Massachusetts law.

The council approved the resolution with a vote of 10 yes and 1 no. The only councilor to reject the proposal, Thomas Ennis, later said his vote reflected his traditional rejection of tax increases.

After the meeting, Ennis said he offered his traditional vote as a protest against government waste. "I do it traditionally every year. I feel we can do better to contain costs," Ennis said.

Councilor Gary Suffriti agreed with Ennis, noting a rush at the end of each fiscal year to spend excess funds.

The resolution placed on the agenda by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson asking for \$150,000 for the capitol improvements necessary to open the Agawam Country Club was unanimously approved by the council after an amendment to the resolution proposed by Councilor Gary Suffriti was defeated.

Suffriti's amendment sought to withhold the \$50,000 slated for improvements to the clubhouse until such time as a full report could be obtained as to whether the costs of rehabilitating the existing structure outweighed the savings that might be realized by razing the present building and erecting a new clubhouse.

Defending his amendment, Suffriti told the council, "Sometimes you're better off starting from ground zero."

With only Ennis supporting his amendment, Suffriti voted with the rest of the council to accept the Mayor's proposal for renovating the

clubhouse.

In other action, the council unanimously approved the first reading of ordinances to create the positions of golf course manager and assistant greenskeeper, as well as an indeterminate number of positions as clubhouse attendants.

Stephen R. Jacaprarro, D.M.D., was reappointed to a term on the Agawam Board of Health expiring on the first Monday in February, 1997.

A Class II Dealer License was granted to Carolyn Evans to operate Park Place Auto Sales at 1688 Main Street, Agawam. The license allows for 11 cars on the lot.

Councilor Robert Danie will be presenting an ordinance establishing the location of regular and special meetings of the Agawam Town Council for a first reading at the March 7th meeting of the council. To prevent the proposed move of council meetings to the Junior High School, Danie's ordinance states, "All regular and special meetings of the City Council shall be held in the auditorium of the Agawam Middle School ... or such other place as the council may from time to time designate by a majority vote of the said council..."

Danie said he has received the support of the Mayor for the proposed ordinance. Danie further stated he has received cooperation from Middle School Principal Ralph Zavarella in finding space for the storage of the apparatus used in Town Council meetings. Danie said the apparatus could be stored on the stage at the Middle School and could be moved on the few occasions school programs mandated the equipment's removal from the stage.

Danie said he expects his ordinance will be approved by the council as a matter of formality.

Agawam Republican Town Committee Announces Caucus

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a caucus on March 12th, 1994 to elect delegates to the Republican Nominating Convention.

The caucus will be held at the Faolin Peirce Community Room of the Agawam Police Department, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., with voting beginning immediately thereafter. All candidates interested in becoming delegates must be registered Republicans as of December 31st, 1993.

Only members of the Republican Town Committee may cast votes for the qualifying candidates interested in becoming delegates. All registered Republicans are urged to attend and take an active role in the upcoming election.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, March 7, 1994 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated February 3, 1994 for permission to erect a line of poles with wires & fixtures in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1994.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 787-9460.

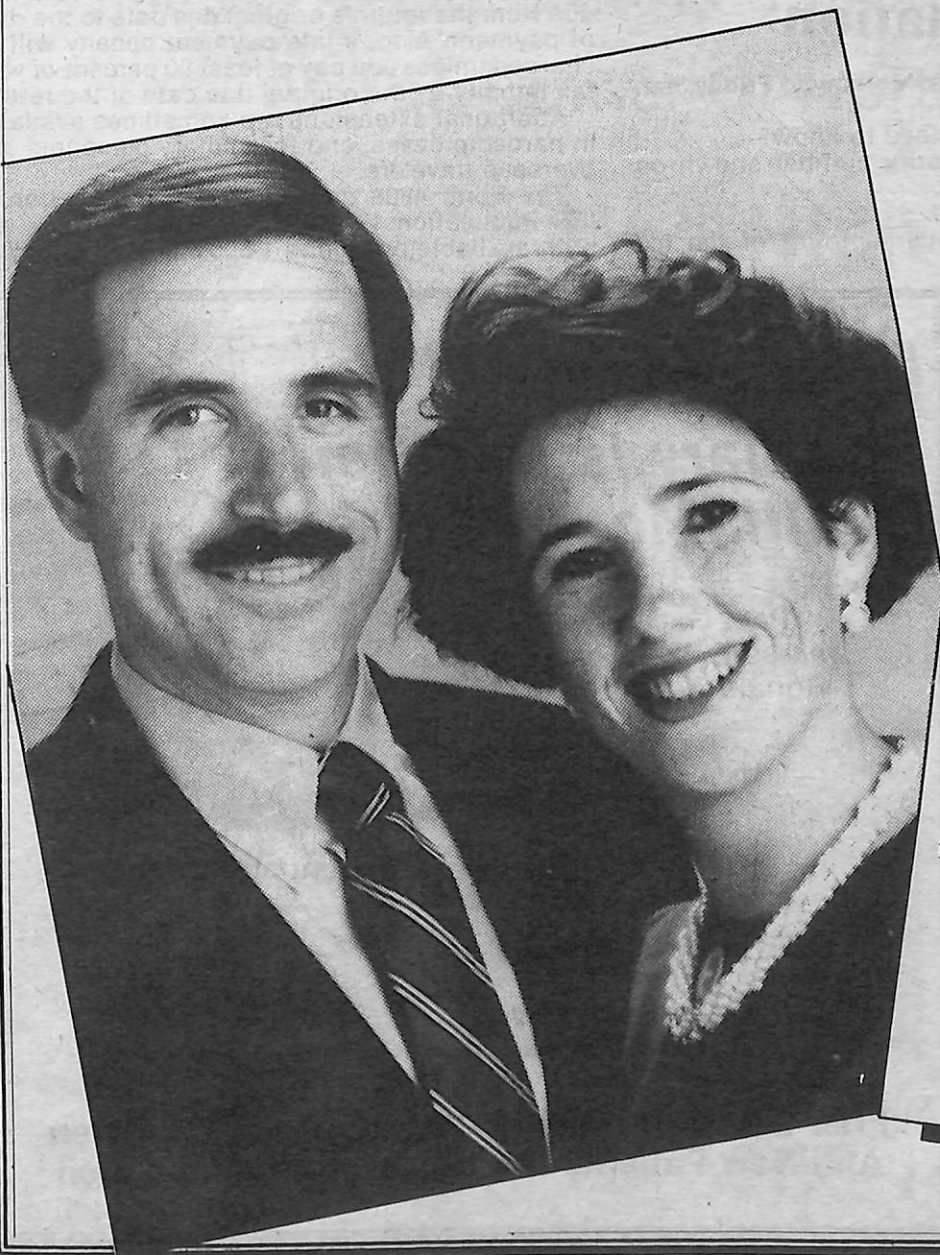
Petition No. 1334. Street: Hamar Drive.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

Published: February 24, 1994

Best local news

Thank You



My heartfelt thanks goes to the people of the Third Hampden District; the people of Agawam, Blandford, Chester, Granville, Russell, Southwick and Tolland.

For twelve years, you have allowed me the opportunity to serve you, as your State Representative, your voice in Boston.

Serving you has been an honor — a responsibility that I've held sacred. Your trust and support will always be cherished.

I've announced my intention not to seek reelection in the fall. I will continue to serve you, at the State House and here at home, until my term expires in January, 1995 — and I'll do it with all the energy and dedication that the people of this district deserve.

This was a difficult decision. The Legislature requires a great deal of time and sacrifice. Mary and I would like to settle down and perhaps start a family. The time has come to move on, follow a new direction and seek new challenges.

I announced my decision early to allow those who wish to seek election to this seat will have ample time to consider their candidacies — and so that you, the people will have time to learn about and assess these candidates who seek to represent you.

I announced my decision early so those who seek election to this seat will have time to consider their candidacies, and more importantly so that you will have time to learn about and assess these candidates who hope to represent you.

To all of you, my supporters and my constituents, I thank you for your faith and the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Walsh

FireWise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

Clothing Fires... Stop, Drop And Roll

All clothing can burn, and some clothing burns more easily than others. The Agawam Fire Department recommends that if your clothing catches fire, STOP, DROP AND ROLL to put out the flames.

Don't run or keep standing. Running will only fan the flames and make them higher. Standing up straight will make the fire burn faster. STOP AND DROP down to the floor or ground. ROLL or rock back and forth to smother the flames.

Smothering the fire cuts off its supply of oxygen so it cannot burn. If possible, roll or rock in a rug, blanket, or coat to smother the fire faster. Attempt to cover your face with your hands to keep the fire away from your face.

When the fire is out, cool the burn with water and call the fire department or rescue squad at 911. Do not remove the burned clothing if it is stuck to the skin. Keep the victim quiet and warm until help arrives.

The fatal mistake people make in a clothing fire is to panic and run. Seconds count. The smothering action must be automatic. A trained, immediate response of STOP, DROP AND ROLL is extremely important. The running response occurs in all age groups, but it is prevalent in younger children. Scared children run to find parents or mistakenly think that only water can put out a fire and they run to find it.

Everyone, especially children, must be taught to STOP, DROP AND ROLL. Parents and teachers should encourage children to practice by making a weekly game of it. Make sure that they understand when and where to use this technique.

Most clothing fires are careless accidents and can be prevented. Follow these simple rules:

* Purchase clothing made with a smooth, tight weave. Fuzzy, lightweight, loosely woven, or loose fitting fabric will ignite and burn much easier.

* Use caution when using or working with any heat sources or flames.

* By law, children's sleepwear must be flame-retardant at time of purchase (available in sizes up to 6X). However, the washing and care instructions must be followed to maintain the fire-retardant feature.

* Keep children away from heat sources such as candles, stoves, cigarettes, outdoor grills, matches, portable heaters, etc.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Melconian Lauds "Real Start" Toward Welfare Reform

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that the Massachusetts Senate overwhelmingly approved new measures that would reform the current welfare system in Massachusetts.

One of the more noteworthy elements of the package was that, for the first time ever, Massachusetts will impose time limits on welfare benefits statewide.

Melconian stated, "This bill addresses many of the welfare reform initiatives I have advocated for the past several years—namely, making welfare a temporary, transitional safety net to help families get through a tough period in their lives. This package debunks any assumption that it is, or should ever be, a way of life."

She continued, "Even the agency name changes, from the current Department of Public Welfare, to a new Department of Transitional Assistance. We do not set out to cut off those who are truly in need. What has changed is the understanding that people are expected to wean themselves off, and end at long last the chronic cases of permanent dependence."

The package offers incentives to employers to hire and train welfare recipients in a year-long program. This "wage-conversion" component converts the traditional welfare check into real paychecks for recipients, while still retaining day care and medical benefits. A similar plan is currently under consideration in the Clinton Administration; however, if no work slot is available in the private sector, the new Transitional Assistance program makes mandatory community service.

Senator Melconian put even stronger teeth into the package, offering several amendments which were subsequently approved by the full Senate. They included: (1) requiring all recipients to reapply in person at the new Department of Transitional Assistance within 90 days or be dropped from the public assistance rolls; (2) forcing welfare cheats to pay the total amount that they defrauded the state; (3) terminating all benefits forever if convicted for a second or subsequent fraud convictions; and (4) implementing a pilot program of digitally fingerprinting recipients.

Other important tougher measures include stricter penalties for convicted "deadbeat Dads"; stiffer fines for welfare fraud offenders; and a provision which would pay arrearage rental payments directly to the landlords.

Melconian concluded, "The important thing to remember is that we have approved real change in welfare 'as we know it.' We have sent a message to recipients that everyone is expected to do something."

This Tax Publication Is "Loaded" With Info

There's a free publication that's loaded with tax information and services to help you at tax time and throughout the year.

The Internal Revenue Service's Publication 910, *Guide to Free Tax Services*, features information on:

- Toll-free numbers for over-the-phone assistance.
- Tele-Tax, IRS's recorded telephone tax information and automated refund information service.
- Free tax publications.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.
- Tax Counseling for the Elderly.
- Small Business Tax Education Program.
- Community Outreach Tax Education.
- Audio-visual instructional materials for loan to individuals and groups.
- International tax assistance.

Publication 910 also explains how to request copies of the prior years' tax returns from the IRS and gives tips on ways to avoid delays in the processing of your tax return. It gives information on filing your return, both on paper and electronically, and explains how to correct a return after it has been filed.

Another service described in the publication is the assistance provided to the public by the Problem Resolution Office, which offers help to taxpayers whose problems with the IRS have not been resolved through normal channels. It also explains what to do if you haven't filed a tax return that you should have filed, if you get a bill from the IRS, or if your tax return is selected for examination.

For details on these and other free services, get Publication 910. It can be ordered by calling 1-800-829-3676.

It's No Put On ... Tax Filing Can Be Put Off

If you need to postpone filing your federal income tax return beyond April 15th, you can do so almost effortlessly. If you can't get your records together in time to file a complete return, file IRS Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return." This gives you four extra months to file your return.

Don't let a tax balance due stop you from applying for the extension. The form extends the time to file a completed return, and the extension is still valid without paying the tax. However, your tax liability shown on Form 4868 must be properly estimated based on the information available to you.

If the tax liability is not properly estimated, the IRS will disallow the extension and assess a late filing penalty. You'll pay interest on any balances due from the return's original due date to the date of payment. Also, a late payment penalty will be charged unless you pay at least 90 percent of your tax liability by the original due date of the return.

Additional extensions are sometimes available in hardship cases, and for military personnel and overseas travelers.

Tax Form 4868 and additional information in IRS Publication 17, *Your Federal Income Tax*, are both available by calling 1-800-829-3676.

Tele-Tax Refund Status Information

If you have not received your federal income tax refund after eight weeks, you may check the status of your refund by calling the Automated Refund System toll-free at 1-800-829-4477. Refund information is updated every seven days.

Touch-Tone Phone Users: Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (Hours may vary in your area.)

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Families

Junior Women's Club Offers Information On Emergency Situations

Do you know what to do if disaster should strike? How to prepare for floods? An earthquake? Or another winter storm?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency provides several pamphlets, booklets, and brochures on national safety, and this all-too-important information is now located in the lobby of the Agawam Public Library.

We have weathered several winter storms this past January, but none were so severe that power was cut off or roads were impassible. But, suppose we were not so lucky ... would we be prepared for a severe winter storm with no fuel, no food, and no water? You may want to pick up the brochure "You Family Disaster Supplies Kit" to be sure.

The following information is available at the library under these topics:

1. The green card: Massachusetts Emergency 24-hour hotline phone number and address.
2. Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit.
3. Hurricane-Floods: Safety Tips for Coastal and Inland Flooding.
4. Earthquakes: Safety Tips for Earthquakes.
5. Are You Ready? Your Guide to Disaster Preparedness.
6. What to do in an Emergency.
7. MEMA: No "If" ... But When Disaster Strikes.
8. Emergency Preparedness Materials Catalog.
9. Rules for Riding out Winter Storms.
10. When You Return to a Storm Damaged Home.

This information is brought to you by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

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ANDREA DONABED & RICHARD TANTILLO

Andrea Donabed To Wed Richard Tantillo

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Donabed of Agawam announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Lynn Donabed, to Richard Tantillo, Jr. of Enfield, Connecticut, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tantillo of Stafford Springs, Connecticut.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is a local dance instructor and choreographer. She is also employed by Spaghetti Freddy's Restaurant.

Her fiancé is the owner of Rich's Drive-In Restaurant in Somers, Connecticut.

An October wedding is planned.



NORA LLOYD & MICHAEL BRUNO

Nora Lloyd Engaged To Michael Bruno

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Lloyd of 127 Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nora Marie, to Michael Joseph Bruno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo M. Bruno of 8 Meyers Drive, Feeding Hills.

Nora is a graduate of Agawam High School, Bay Path College, and Elms College. She will receive her master's degree in education from Elms College in May. Miss Lloyd is a teacher at the Agawam Middle School.

Michael is a graduate of Agawam High School and Technical Careers Institute. He is employed as a HVAC technician by Technicool, Inc., of Agawam.

The couple is planning an August 12th, 1994 wedding.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Vitamin E And Chromium May Help Diabetics

Diabetes is essentially too much sugar in the blood and it can kill. It happens when your body produces either little or no insulin or ineffective insulin, the hormone that opens the door and lets sugar out of the blood and into the cell.

Promising new research shows diabetics may better use their insulin if they take a supplement of vitamin E.

In an Italian study of 25 men and women, subjects took a glucose tolerance test before and after taking 900 milligrams of vitamin E a day (the current RDA for vitamin E is 10 mg for men and 8 mg for women).

The same procedure was done with subjects who took a dummy pill. After four months, the researchers found that the cells of the diabetic who took vitamin E were more permeable to insulin. That means the blood sugar left the blood and passed into the cell more easily.

The mineral chromium may also help diabetics. Chromium acts as the eyes for insulin. If you are chromium deficient, your insulin may not "see" or respond to the sugar in your blood. So, the sugar builds up in your blood rather than going into the cell to be used for energy. Some of my diabetic patients who take a chromium supplement have decreased their dose of insulin or avoided taking insulin altogether.

The research with vitamin E and chromium is exciting news. But if you are diabetic, don't run out to the store and stock up on supplements. Talk to a registered dietitian or your doctor about taking supplements.

Nancy Dell, MS, RD is available for diabetic counseling. For an appointment, call 413-786-2957.

CROP Walk Committee Makes Donation



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM/WEST SPRINGFIELD CROP WALK COMMITTEE last week made a check presentation to the Open Pantry from proceeds made from last fall's CROP Walk here in town. From left - Marie Coburn, CROP Committee; Bruce Ackerman, vice-chairman, Open Pantry Board of Directors; Vincent Callahan and Rev. Evelyn Lavelli, CROP Committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Joseph's Day Dinner Dance Slated For Polish Club On Saturday, March 19th

A St. Joseph's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 19th, at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills.

Polish and American music will be featured by Gene Wisniewski and his Harmony Bells. Doors

open at 6:00 p.m., and a Polish dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dancing will last from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.

Tickets are \$10 each and are by reservation only. Please call Mary at 786-4057; Stacia, 786-6124; Janice, 786-9798; and Julia, 786-0582.



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Heritage Hall Celebrates Our Fine Feathered



DAVE'S SODA & PET FOOD CITY (photo left) presented a live bird exhibit to entertain and educate the residents of Heritage Hall South Building during "Bird Week." Pictured from Dave's Soda & Pet Food City is Lou Smith. IN PHOTO ABOVE, "Mother Westwind" from Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary enthralled both residents and pre-school kids alike with her wonderful tales of birds and nature. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Golden Age Clubs' Calendar Of Events For The Month Of March

March 2nd: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guest speaker (a representative from the Agawam Fire Department).

March 4th: Chapter 1—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

March 9th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with our guests, the East Longmeadow Singers.

March 16th: Chapter 2—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with slides, etc., by the foreign exchange students.

March 17th: Chapter 1—Trip to Aqua Turf in Connecticut to enjoy a "St. Patrick's Day" party and entertainment.

March 23rd: Chapter 1—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

March 25th: Chapter 2—Dinner board meeting.

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Arthur E. Hastings Honored At Reception By Shriners

Arthur E. Hastings was honored as the 83rd Illustrious Potentate of Melha Temple at a reception held at Chez Josef in Agawam, MA, on February 19th. Chief Rabban Edward W. Shore presided as Chairman.

The event was attended by over 500 Shrine Nobles, Ladies, and guests, including the Potentate's family and close friends. Presiding Potentates and their representatives from Shrine Temples throughout New England and Eastern Canada were in attendance.

Members of the Melha Temple Highlanders formed the Potentate's honor guard.

The new Potentate will lead Melha Temple and its Units in parades, the annual circus, and many other activities familiar to the public.

The Shriners are best known for their philanthropic cause, which is the operation of 22 hospitals for crippled children and burned children.

Junior Zookeepers Now Being Sought At Forest Park

Applications are being accepted for the Zoo in Forest Park's Junior Zookeeper program.

Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society, said that persons age 12 to 18 are invited to apply for the limited number of Junior Zookeeper positions being offered.

Junior Zookeepers help in many ways, including the care and feeding of animals, educational activities, providing tours, and helping with fundraising activities. "They learn a great deal while helping the Zoo and the precious animals that reside here," Hodgman said.

Persons interested in volunteering as Junior Zookeepers should obtain an application from the Zoo in Forest Park weekdays during school vacation or on weekends.

For further information, call (413) 733-2251 and ask for either Nancy Lewis or Barbara Lewis.

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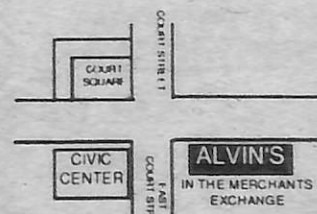
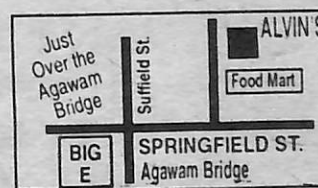
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Providence Hospital To Present Classes On Diabetes Education

The Providence Hospital Diabetes Education Program for the Management of Diabetes will present a series of free classes beginning on Friday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital Conference Room.

The topic for the March 4th Diabetes Education Class will address the signs and symptoms of diabetes, coping with diabetes, and self blood glucose monitoring.

On March 11th, participants will learn about insulin and oral drug use, along with the acute complications which may accompany these treatments.

The March 18th presentation will explore acute and chronic complications, and will also include a discussion by Dr. Robert Fleischner, D.P.M., on the importance of foot care.

This four-week educational series will conclude on March 25th with a presentation, by a registered dietician, addressing meal planning and the diabetic diet. A question and answer period is part of each class.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetes Teaching Nurse, facilitates the program which is open to all diabetics, their families, and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Mrs. Strzempko also runs the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next testing will be held on March 10th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Catherine Horan Medical Building Room 115. Those taking the test must fast from midnight. No advanced registration is necessary. A \$2 donation is requested.

Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the Providence Hospital at 539-2938.

F. Hills Women's Club Slates March Meeting

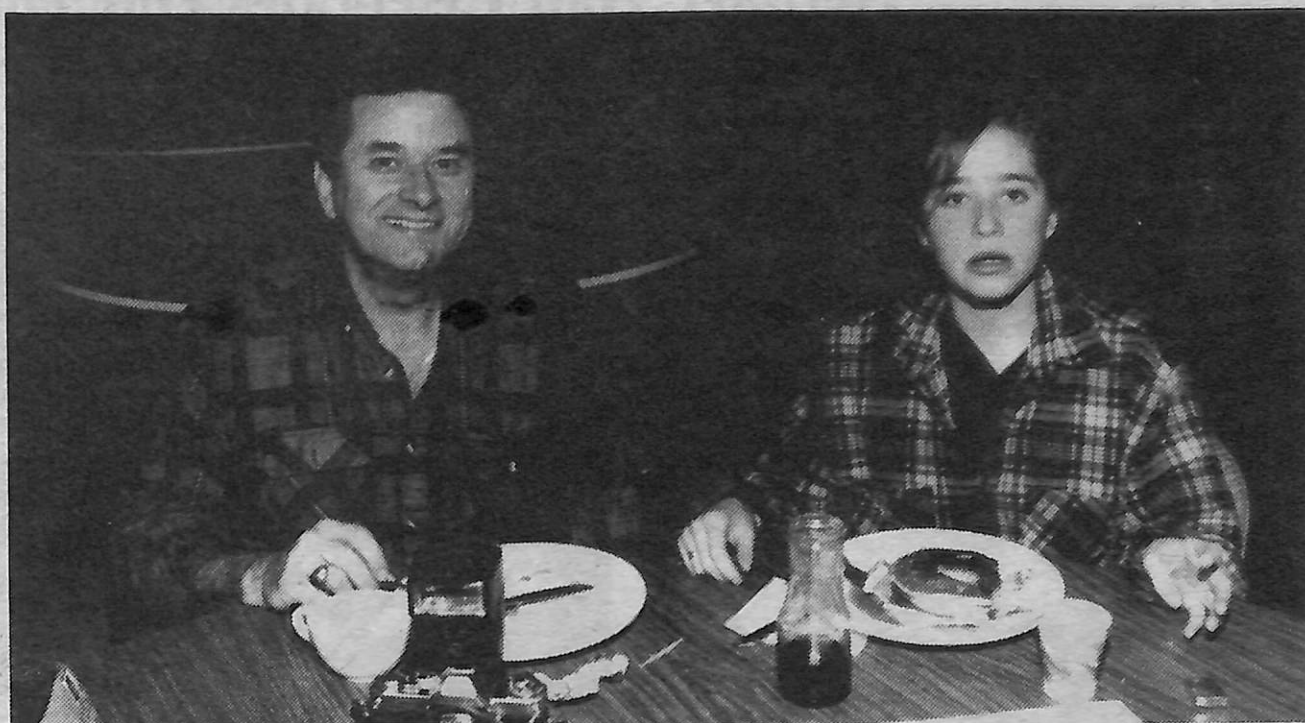
The March meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday evening, March 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills.

The annual evening of Monte Carlo Whist will be enjoyed by the members. Members are reminded to bring wrapped and priced items for a Chinese auction.

Refreshments will be served by Julia Zajchowski and her committee.

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American Legion Holds Pancake Breakfast



THE AGAWAM AMERICAN LEGION held a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 13th, and the pancakes were flying. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Agawam Lions Club President Bob Gravel and his daughter, Erica Gravel, enjoy their breakfast. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, about to eat their breakfast are Donna Nickerson, Anthony Taravella, and Doug Nickerson. **MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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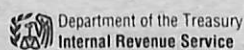
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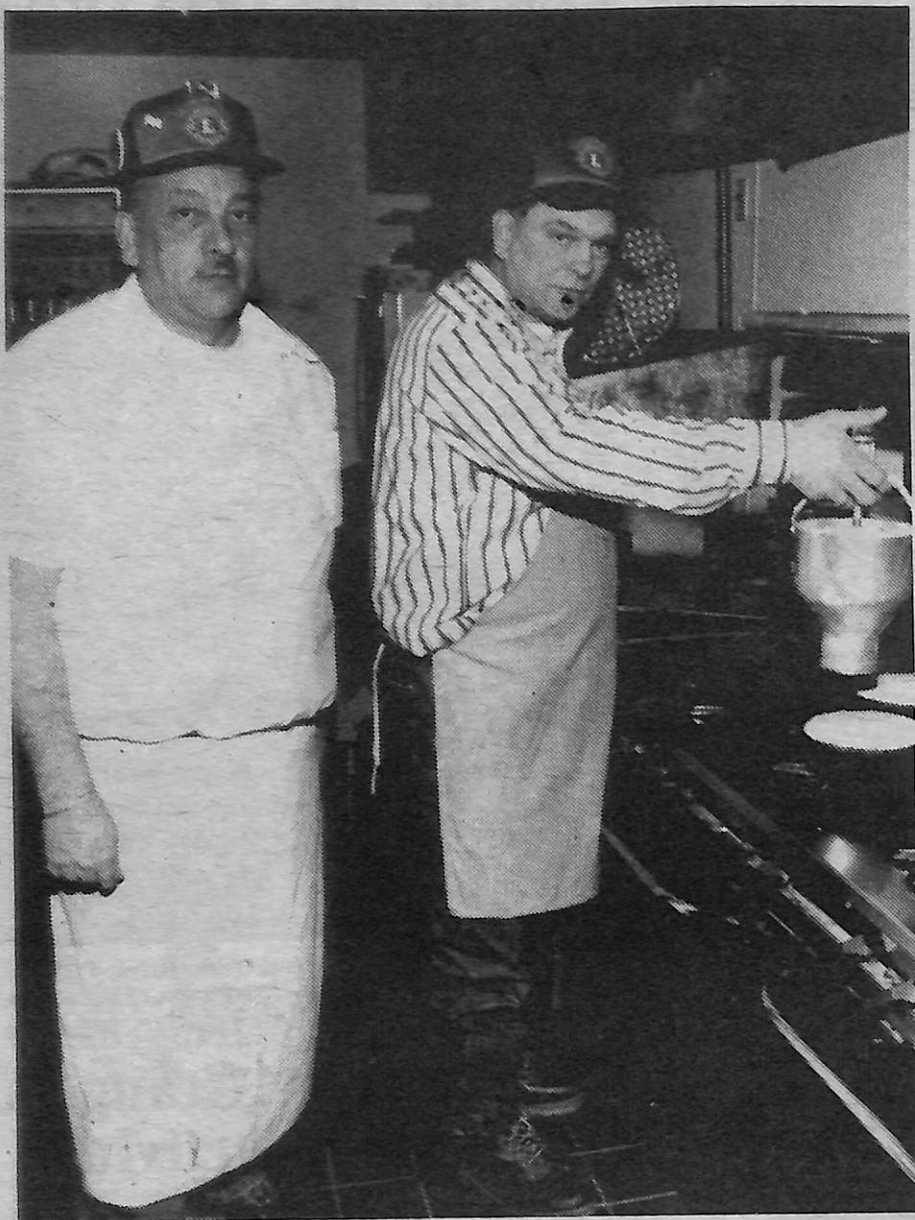
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Volunteers Help Make Legion Breakfast A Success



VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME and expertise at the Pancake Breakfast on February 13th sponsored by the Agawam American Legion are, from left - Roger Jones, George Fedora, Carol O'Sullivan, Kristine M. Ward, and Peg Brown (the women are members of the Ladies Auxiliary Unit). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Commodity Distribution May Be Postponed To Mar. 3rd

In case of inclement weather and the Senior Center is closed, the commodity distribution scheduled for Thursday, February 24th, will be postponed until next Thursday, March 3rd.

Snow-closing announcements will be broadcast on WMAS-FM, WHYD-AM and FM, and WNNZ-AM.

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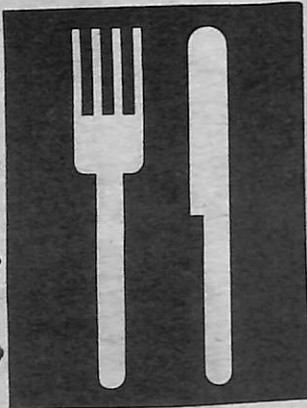
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The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce that the "world premiere" of its new CD-ROM Multimedia computer workstations is set to take place on Saturday, March 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to stop in during this "open house" and become acquainted with this exciting new technology. Additional reference staff will be on hand to demonstrate and answer your questions about the library's CD-ROM programs.

CD-ROM Multimedia technology allows the user to search through software containing thousands of pages of information which is augmented by sound, video, and other audio-visual elements for maximizing learning potential.

CD-ROM discs are similar to the compact discs (CD's) that have become so popular for playing music. CD-ROM software contains thousands of pages of information in digitized form. Incredibly, one single CD-ROM disc can hold the entire text of all 21 volumes of an encyclopedia set. Unlike printed sources, CD-ROM offers the added benefit of superior searching with every word of the text being indexed.

Just a few of the programs which will be available during the library's upcoming "open house" are: *The New Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*, *Microsoft Musical Instruments*, *Time Magazine Almanac*, *Microsoft Encarta* (an encyclopedia), *Multimedia Animals Encyclopedia*, *The Guinness Disc of Records*, *Microsoft Art Gallery*, and *Microsoft Bookshelf*. Beginning the following Monday (March 7th), these workstations and the software will be available for public use on a first-come, first-serve basis during regular library hours.

This CD-ROM Multimedia "open house" is part of a Federal grant entitled "Students' High Tech Multimedia Education Center," which is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library funding.

For this Saturday, March 5th "open house," you may either call and reserve time for when you would like to drop by the library, or you can just stop in. Be advised that there has been a great deal of interest in CD-ROM Multimedia on the part of the library's patrons, so the best way to make certain that you will be able to get "hands-on" practice on the computer is to call and reserve a block of time.

If you would like more information about this program, or would like to call and reserve some computer time on Saturday, March 5th, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours to cover your event.

Senior Ctr. "Friends" Conducting 1994 Drive



THE "FRIENDS" of the Agawam Senior Center are in the midst of their 1994 Membership Drive. Pictured above (l-r) are some of the individuals involved in this year's drive: Joanne Willis (co-chairperson of the drive), Andrew Niedrowski, Edwin T. Colby, Tom Leahy (co-chairperson of the drive), Gladys Francazio and Nellie Mathias, (volunteers). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

DAR Meeting To Honor High School "Good Citizens"

Mrs. Elizabeth Cahill of Wilbraham, Regent of the Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has announced the next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1st in the Guild Room of Faith Church, corner of Sumner Avenue and Ft. Pleasant Avenue, Springfield.

A tea, hosted by the Chapter's Betsy Ross Club, honoring the area's high school winners of the National Society DAR Good Citizen Awards, will be held at 12:15 p.m.

The tea, incorporating the educational theme of the day, will include an American Heritage Corner display of school memorabilia. Mrs. Marion Roan of Longmeadow, chairman of the event, will present the Good Citizen pins.

The students selected for the 1994 awards were chosen by their schools as best exemplifying outstanding qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in his or her school, home, and community.

Those selected include Michael Rose of Agawam High School.

Persons interested in DAR membership should contact Mrs. Cahill at 596-3160.

Community Grange's Upcoming Activities

On the first day of March, an open meeting of the Grange will feature Jill Simpson, a City Councilor and chairman of the Zoning Subcommittee. The public is invited, and all will be better informed about what the Zoning Committee hopes to change, especially in Feeding Hills Center.

Will changes in zoning keep historic buildings and maintain a village atmosphere as Agawam Center has done? Councilor Simpson maintains that public support is needed for constructive changes. She will entertain questions and encourage personal ideas.

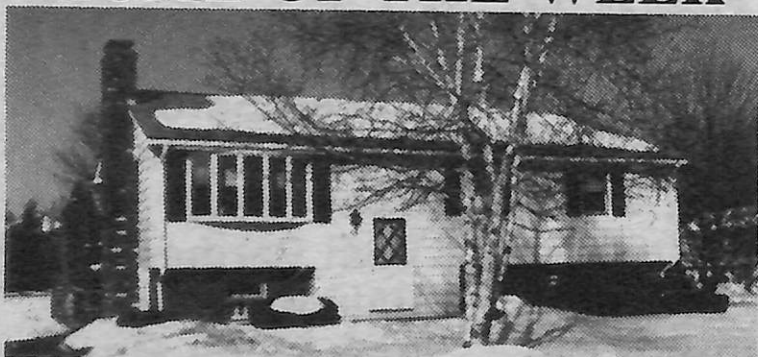
You, a concerned citizen, are invited to attend the meeting at the Grange Home on Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the Membership/Community Service Committee (Roberta Cesan, chairman).

As usual, card parties will take place on Thursdays (this coming month on March 3rd and 17th), starting at 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Magagnoli and Marion O'Krongly are the hostesses.

Progressive whist is played, but anyone who makes up a table may play any card game of their choice.

Community Junior Grange has planned a regular meeting on Monday, February 28th, at 6:30 p.m. Pauline Provost will lead the activities, with Sarah Fillion and Donna Charron assisting.

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VIRGINIA LAKE (left) and TOWN COUNCILOR DAVID SKOLNICK were on hand at the Agawam Senior Center recently to demonstrate self-defense techniques via the martial art of karate. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 28th: Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, corn, oatmeal bread, banana.

Tuesday, March 1st: Chicken chow mein, fluffy white rice, Chinese noodles, pumpernickel bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, March 2nd: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, butter-nut squash, whole wheat bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Thursday, March 3rd: Stuffed pork chopette, potato puffs, corn, pumpernickel bread, applesauce with raisins.

Friday, March 4th: Cabbage soup, baked fish, rice Pilaf, rye bread, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, March 7, 1994 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated February 3, 1994 for permission to erect a line of poles with wires & fixtures in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

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Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 787-9460.

Petition No. 1332. Street: So. Westfield St.

Ursula Retzler

Clerk of the Council

Published: February 24, 1994

Ag. Women's Club To Meet February 28th

The next meeting of the Agawam Women's Club will be held on Monday, February 28th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House (Main Street, Agawam).

The guest speaker will be Marsha Fleming, who will present a slide program titled "Gardens In Four Seasons."

All club members are urged to attend.

1st Baptist Church Has "End Of Winter Sale"

An "End of Winter Sale" will be held at the Trading Post, First Baptist Church, Corner of Main & Elm Sts., Agawam on March 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All items will be on sale, featuring 50 percent off upstairs and 20 percent off downstairs.

No consignments will be accepted on sale day. Spring and summer consignments will be accepted starting March 9th.

Hope to see you!

For copies of photos in this edition, contact photographer Jack Devine at his Agawam home — 789-0053.



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Church News

Ag. Baptist Women To Join In Annual World Prayer Day

Women throughout the Springfield area, including those from the Agawam First Baptist Church, will gather at South Congregational Church, 45 Maple Street on Friday, March 4th in observance of the annual World Day of Prayer service, sponsored by Church Women United of Springfield Unit.

This year's service is part of a global celebration observed by Christian women in Palestine and explores the theme, "Go, See and Act."

The 1994 service, based on the story of Christ's passion and resurrection as told in the Gospels of Luke and Mark, focuses on the experience of women living in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza.

The authors—Lutheran, Episcopalian, Catholic, and Orthodox Christian women who identify themselves as Palestinians—share their personal stories while calling upon all people to work toward reconciliation and justice.

Speaker for the World Day of Prayer event will be Rev. Ann Geer, Executive Director of the Springfield Council of Churches. She will relate her experiences in Palestine, which will serve to be very enlightening, at the worship service.

The Bible Study will be conducted by Reverend Peter Heinrichs, Pastor of South Congregational Church, at 9:00 a.m. at 45 Maple Street, Springfield, MA. The very popular SERRV table will be available at 8:30 a.m. and coffee will be served at this time.

While acknowledging the inherent sensitivity of the political situation in the Middle East, participating World Day of Prayer committees see the service as an opportunity to engage in further study and dialogue while working toward a lasting peace.

Church Women United do not take sides, they simply work together ecumenically in peace and love. Founded in 1887 by Mary Ellen James, World Day of Prayer calls upon participating communities to join in "informal prayer and prayerful action," confessing "individual and national sins with offerings that fitly express the contrition."

Offerings received from World Day of Prayer participants in the United States help support Church Women United—the official sponsor of World Day of Prayer in the United States—in its national and international witness.

Among the programs supported is CWU's Intercontinental Grant Fund, which provides financial assistance to projects benefitting women and children worldwide.

Lenten Events & Scholarship Dinner At Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, February 27th, following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam, the Annual Budget Meeting and vote on the budget for the 1994 calendar year will be held.

OUR SEXUALITY, GOD'S GOOD GIFT series for seventh-ninth graders continues next Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m., with other sessions on March 10th and 17th.

Rev. Fuller and Corinne Colman, Youth Director, are leading the discussions.

A Lenten Bible Study is being held Wednesday evenings at 7:35 p.m. on February 23rd at the church. A challenging and inspiring book entitled "Passion for the Possible" by Rev. William Sloan Coffin will be the focus for this Lenten program. Rev. Fuller will be leading this discussion group. All are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m., the church will hold its ANNUAL MARIE & NICK ZUCCO SCHOLARSHIP DINNER. The ham dinner is sponsored by the church's Deacons.

There is no cost for the dinner, however, donations are requested as this is a fundraiser for the graduating seniors and continuing education students.

There will be a program with a magician for entertainment. Come and support the students in their quest to further their education and enjoy a wonderful night of good food, great entertainment, and warm fellowship.

Best local news...

Fine Food At St. John's Church



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH in Agawam Center was the site of a ziti & meatball dinner on February 10th. IN TOP PHOTO, parishioners Ed Disco (left) and Charlie Calabrese, who always seem to be volunteering their time in every kitchen in town for charity events, pour boxes of ziti into the large pots of boiling water (careful guys); IN PHOTO BELOW, young people Angela Hayward, Laura Montagna, and Jennifer Montagna are all set for a great meal. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Church News - continued...**Operation Friendship Plans Roast Beef Supper At Feeding Hills Congregational March 5th**

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a roast beef supper on Saturday, March 5th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church (located at 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills).

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, beverage, and dessert. Donation is \$7 for

adults, \$3.75 for children, and free for youngsters under five years of age. A bake sale will also be held during the supper.

All proceeds from the supper will be used for the organization's youth to travel to Europe this summer. Reservations for the supper can be made by calling JoAnn Fisher at 786-0381.

If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name, the number of reservations, and your telephone number.

March Lenten Agenda At Ag. 1st Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main Street, Agawam Center, is announcing its Lenten Schedule. The 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning sermon topics will include the following:

- * March 6th - "Love With No Conditions"
- * March 13th - "Christ Can Make Men Whole"
- * March 20th - "Enough To Spare"
- * March 27th - "The Frustrated Christ"

In addition, special Lenten services will be conducted at 5:15 p.m. on the following evenings. Soup and beverage will be provided, and the services will meet in Davis Hall:

- * February 27th - "The Way of Faith"
- * March 6th - "The Way of Self-Denial"
- * March 13th - "The Way of Love"
- * March 20th - "The Way of Service"
- * March 27th - "The Way of Life Everlasting"

Interim Pastor, Rev. Harold Martin, and your friends and neighbors at the First Baptist invite everyone to join them during this special time of the year. If you have any questions, please call 786-7300.

Theologian Discussion At F.H. Congo Service

The Reverend Raymond H. Korndorger's sermon will be "You Are a Theologian!" at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Sunday, February 27th at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

On Sunday, February 27th, at 5:00 p.m., 21-Plus Club will have a church family Lenten Supper. Those attending are asked to bring either a casserole or salad.

The title for the Lenten discussion is "Give Up or Give."

On Monday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Raymond H. Korndorfer will continue the "Basic Christianity Study/Discussion Group." All are invited to attend these sessions during Lent.

The Sunday School of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will again sponsor the Heifer Project International, which is celebrating its 50th birthday in 1994.

This year, the church school will be raising funds to provide rabbits. The Heifer Project will continue through March 20th.

Sunday School classes for all age groups and morning worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Nursery service is available and visitors and friends are cordially invited.

F. Hills Congregational Elects New Pastor

On Sunday, February 13th, Feeding Hills Congregational Church elected to call Rev. Robert Donaldson to be their new pastor, beginning March 27th. Rev. Ray Korndorfer will continue as interim minister until that time.

Rev. Donaldson is a native of Hudson, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine. His most recent pastorate was in Cavetown, Maryland. Prior to that, he served in Lisbon, New York.

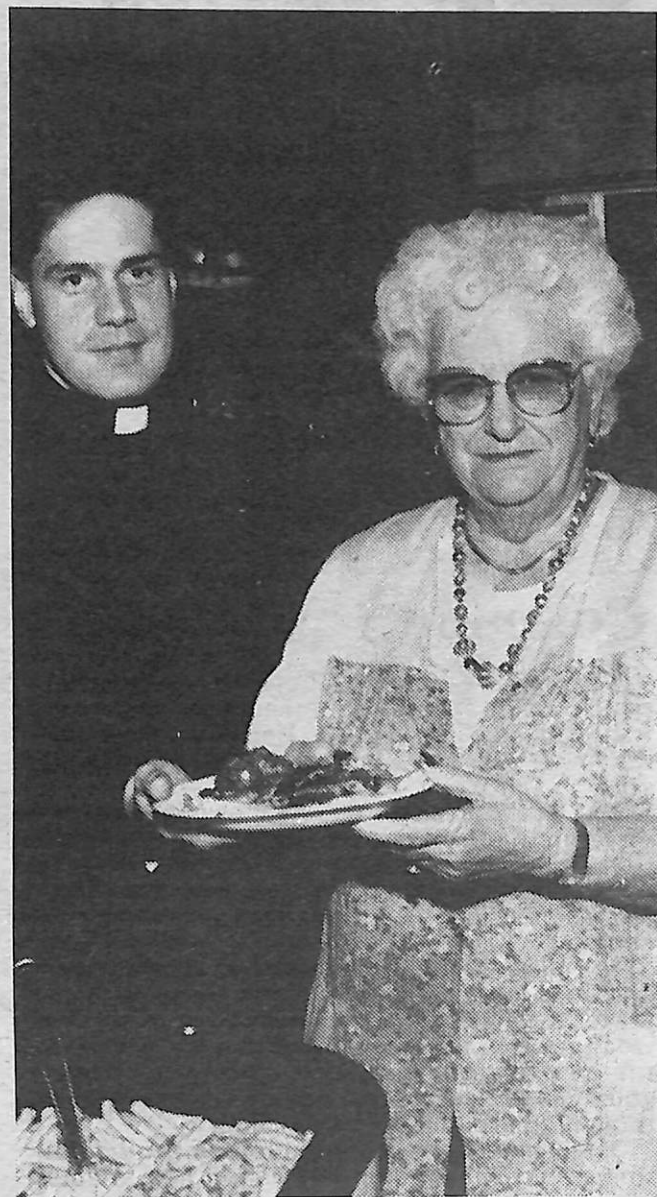
Rev. Donaldson's ecumenical activities have included being a summer youth camp chaplain; serving on the board for Habitat for Humanity; and organization of CROP walks. Some of his interests include music, playing guitar, hockey, and family life.

The Donaldson family—Rob, his wife Debra, and their three children; Douglas, 12, Courtney, 8, and Gregory, 7—will be moving into the parsonage on North Westfield Street in late March. The entire Feeding Hills community is invited to welcome and celebrate Easter with Rev. Donaldson and his family.

Adoration Society To Meet In West Side

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Immaculate Conception Church, Main Street, West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, March 4th from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

Father John & Jennie

THE REVEREND JOHN SHEAFFER was most impressed with the delicious and famous ziti sauce created by Jennie Christopher. Jennie's sauce was a feature of the church's recent ziti & meatball supper. RELATED PHOTO ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.


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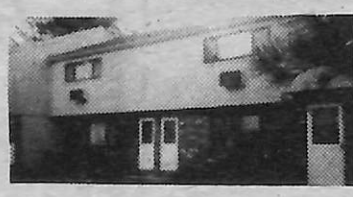

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Cut Your Tax Bill— Avoid These Six Common Tax Mistakes

You can save more on your tax bill if you work at cutting taxes year-round rather than making it a frantic, once-a-year activity. Here are six common tax mistakes that you can avoid by planning ahead:

1. Overwithholding. Claiming fewer exemptions on Form W-4 (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate) than you're entitled to—just to get a tax refund every spring—is like giving the IRS an interest-free loan. It just doesn't make financial sense.

2. Underwithholding. The IRS usually imposes penalties for underwithholding taxes or failing to make estimated tax payments; however, you won't have to pay penalties if you're affected by the new rate changes. You have to recalculate your W-4 or estimated tax payments in 1994, though, to avoid underwithholding.

3. Misunderstanding about retirement distributions. New withholding legislation has affected all retirement fund distributions since January 1st, 1994. As a result, employers must withhold 20 percent of your money unless you instruct them to roll over your distribution directly into an existing

IRA or other qualified retirement plan. This plan designation must be made before receiving your distribution.

4. Not timing capital losses or gains. If you expect to take a capital gain, you may want to consider selling a depreciated investment (especially if you don't expect it to rebound soon) to offset the gain. Also, you can use as much as \$3,000 in capital losses to offset ordinary income. If the loss is greater than \$3,000, the excess can be carried forward to future years.

5. Incorrect calculations of mutual fund gains. When you sell shares, part of your profits may include dividends and distributions on which you've already paid taxes. To keep track of what has been taxed and what has not, keep all of your confirmation and account records. Some mutual fund companies, like IDS, use the average-cost method to automatically calculate gain/loss information for shareholders.

6. Mixing deductible and nondeductible IRAs. Keep careful records to separate your deductible and nondeductible IRA contributions. When you begin withdrawing funds, you'll need to prove to the IRS what percentage comes from nondeductible contributions to avoid paying taxes twice.

Very few people can manage to avoid these and other tax mistakes on their own. Doing so takes more than just filling out your tax forms once a year. Simply keeping track of tax law changes that affect various investments takes a lot of time and knowledge. When you add in other variables such as assessment of your financial situation and setting long- and short-term goals, the job becomes almost overwhelming.

The best way to make certain you are taking full advantage of the tax laws and using investments that best fit your needs is to seek the advice of a tax accountant or financial advisor. An expert can help you develop a long-range financial plan that takes into account all the variables that may affect it.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 534-3883.



KATHY ALTABELLI

Kathy Altobelli Joins Molta Real Estate

Molta Real Estate Inc. in Agawam is pleased to announce that Kathy Altobelli has joined their office.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, Kathy comes to Molta with several years of real estate experience.

Kathy earned her Associates Degree in Administration and Marketing in 1986. She is also a member of the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors and Massachusetts Association of Realtors, as well as being a Notary Public.

If you are interested in selling or buying a home, Kathy Altobelli is the real estate professional to call. She can be reached at Molta Real Estate, Inc. (789-9890) or at home (786-1577).

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With help from a real estate sales associate and a little common sense, however, a home buyer should be able to make a reasonable offer that jump-starts negotiations with a seller.

A good first step in the process is to compare the seller's asking price with the prices actually paid for similar homes in the same area within the past year. Using local Multiple Listing Service (MLS) data, a real estate sales associate can provide a list of selling prices for similar homes and help the buyer make comparisons.

Some real estate sales associates recommend viewing several similar homes in the area that are on the market before making a decision on how much to offer on the home you really want.

Typically, a buyer's first inclination is to make an offer which is comparable to one of the lowest recently accepted offers for similar homes. The seller may not be overly enthusiastic about this type of first offer, but may not immediately reject it either — as long as it's reasonable. In any case, researching selling prices of similar homes usually provides a figure which can be used as a starting point for the negotiation process.

An evaluation of selling prices may not be possible if the home in which a buyer is interested does not compare with others in the area. In this case, the buyer could have the home's value professionally appraised. There is always the risk, however, that another buyer could make an offer and purchase the home before an appraisal is completed.

Making a well-researched offer is the best step a buyer can take towards successful negotiations in the home buying process.

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Hired By S.T.A.R.T.**

MaryLynn A. Jacobs has been hired as the Director of Hand/Occupational Therapy Services at S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy, 3400 Main Street, Springfield, MA.

MaryLynn is an Occupational Therapist with an M.S. from Boston University and a B.S. in Rehabilitation Services from Springfield College. She is also a Certified Hand Therapist.

Prior to her current position with S.T.A.R.T., MaryLynn served as a senior hand therapist for seven years in both private practice and hospital settings. MaryLynn has also served as Director of Rehabilitation at Staff Builders Home Health Care in Boston, MA, where she established a unique, multifaceted pediatrics program.

MaryLynn also maintains her own consulting company and has conducted nationwide seminars on hand splinting. A resident of Somers, CT, she is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association, the Massachusetts Occupational Therapy Society, and the American Hand Therapy Association.

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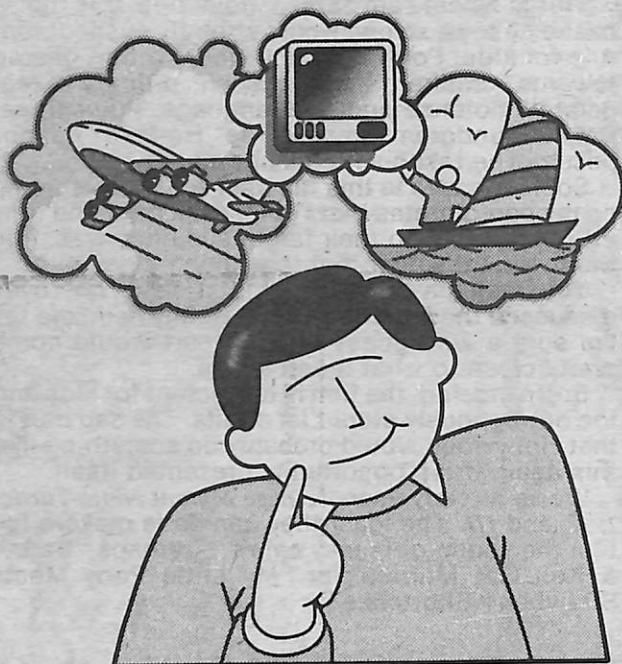
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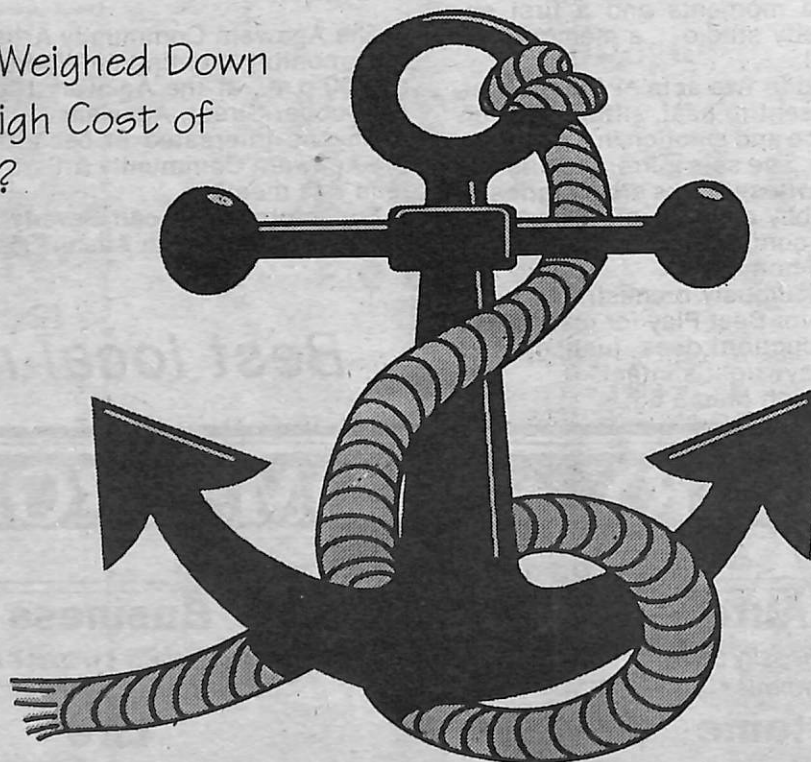
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The chart below shows when to expect your refund based on when you mailed your return:

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The StageWest production of *Sight Unseen* juxtaposes past and present as it exposes one man's search for self-discovery.

Sight Unseen is an intricate play that explores the past and present life of a Jewish-American artist, Jonathan (Sam Guncler), whose work is the focus of a retrospective in a London gallery. In search of himself, Jonathan seeks out his former lover, an American expatriate named Patricia (played by Judith Hawking), who may hold the key to his discontent.

Patricia, in the aftermath of their affair, met and married a British citizen and took up residence in rural England, leading a contented, placid life—though her encounter with Jonathan resurrects a bit of her own discontent with the life she believes she settled for.

Into this picture comes her husband, Nick (Mark Corins), a painfully shy archaeologist who comes face-to-face with his own fears about losing his wife to her worldly, famous former lover. Jonathan, in dapper topcoat, leather gloves, and carrying upwardly-mobile duffels, poses a stark contrast to Nick's disheveled sweater and trousers and his fumbling, absentminded, preoccupied manner.

But the confrontation takes an unexpected turn, as Nick—coming face-to-face with what appears to be a threat to his marriage—fights back in subtle ways, challenging Jonathan's virility, caressing his wife's face with loving possessiveness, as a man who intends to hold on to the woman he married, and who is now discovering just how much he really loves her.

Jonathan's voyage of self-discovery may be the focal point of the play, but the most interesting moments are the points of discovery between Nick and Patricia, who have held to a lackluster marriage until this point. Challenged with the mere presence of Jonathan, Nick reaches into his heart, not just to claim what is his by decree but what is his by heart. Patricia, who wandered with equal apathy through her marriage, discovers untapped depths to her life, her husband, and her marriage. Their performances are the highlight of the play.

Through it all is Jonathan, captured in vignettes including several interview segments with a blonde, leggy German writer, Grete (played by Jeri Sarka), who challenges the value of Jonathan's life's work and the essence of his faith.

Never seen but frequently "in view" is Jonathan's portrait of Patricia, a painting that has hung in the living room of her home, its image extending into her bed. Patricia's ultimate decision to release the painting to Jonathan for his retrospective reflects her decision to let go of their past; in the end, Jonathan comes back to his beginnings, to stolen moments and a first encounter in his university studio ... a memory that affirms all he has lost.

This play, presented in two acts of four scenes each, works from present to past, sifting through a lifetime of experience and emotion in a quest for resolution and reason. The sets mirror the austere backdrop of an artist whose works are bought and paid for long before they are even produced, and the cluttered and comfortable cottage that Patricia and Nick call home.

It's a striking, meticulously orchestrated work that won a 1992 Obie for Best Play for just cause. The StageWest production does justice—and then some—to the playwright's intent.

The show runs through March 6th.



Pisano's Picks... ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Child's Play...?!

There exists yet another aspect of filmmaking that can wreck a movie; inane plots! Below are some films that exploit such ridiculous plots that they cannot be taken seriously.

Why? They are based on toys, cartoons, and video games!!!

* *Masters Of The Universe*

Director: Gary Goddard. 1987. Rated PG. 1 hour and 46 minutes. Starring: Dolph Lundgren, Frank Langella, Courtney Cox, James Tolkan, and Meg Foster.

There was a point in time when films were based upon fiction, true stories, or fantasy. Now some films are based on toys, candy, or cartoons!

Dolph Lundgren stars as Mattel's action figure, He-Man. Frank Langella stars as Mattel's other action figure, Skeletor. Other actors play other action figures from Mattel's "Masters Of The Universe" collection, which was quite popular at the time of this farcical release.

The only audience that this film is going to be entertaining to is the big wigs of the toy industry who view this film as a popularity boost for their toys and a financial boost for their wallets. Adults will realize exactly how bored they really are once the laughter subsides. The kids, while possibly entertained, will be bombarded with scenes of foul language and graphic violence.

This is where I am baffled. Point one, this film is based on toys, so one would strongly suspect that it is for kids. Point two, why would a film geared towards children include such pitifully exaggerated violence and foul language. Point three, Dolph Lundgren dressed as He-Man cannot possibly be taken seriously by adults.

So, folks, who is this film for? A little suspicion on my part dictates that I don't even think the filmmakers knew who their target audience was. Furthermore, I'd wager that they didn't even care!

You may have noticed that I have not even discussed the storyline. Do you really need me to? I'm sure a wild guess on your part would come pretty close to what it actually is.

So, in closing, the film is too violent for kids and too outrageously stupid for adults. The sad part is that Hollywood would probably do something like this again if the opportunity presented itself.

We've already seen *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles I, II, and III*. The least they can do is make a toy film the young girls may enjoy ... perhaps "Barbie & Ken Get Married" or "My Little Pony Meets Strawberry Shortcake."

Ag. Community Artists To Meet March 2nd

The Agawam Community Artists will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m., at the Agawam High School, Room 42, Cooper Street, Agawam.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Agawam Community Artists is welcome to attend this meeting.

For information, call Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138, or DeBorah Allen, 786-6087.

Best local news

As some things are better left unsaid, some movies are better left unmade. This one should have stayed in the toy chest! ½ STAR. (16 years and up.)

* *G.I. Joe—The Movie*

Director: Don Jurwich. 1987. Not Rated. 1 hour and 33 minutes. Animated.

Whoever conceived the notion that a military man who shoots and blows up people is suitable for our impressionable children ought to be shot and blown up himself!

All this feature-length cartoon is about is violence. The violence is embodied in the form of all-out war.

The role model is supposed to be G.I. Joe, the "real American hero." WHAT!!! He is looked upon as an appropriate idol for our children?! They are to admire his grenades, bazookas, automatic guns, bombs, and other such weaponry? It is one thing portraying a battle between good and evil; it is quite another to do so so distastefully with no regard for our children's well-being.

Not to mention that even if the film was acceptable, the animation is horrendous. Shoddy production values cause me to look upon *G.I. Joe—The Movie* with further contempt.

Don't let the kids watch this garbage. As far as I'm concerned, the "G.I." in the title stands for "Grossly Inappropriate." 0 STARS. (14 years and up.)

* *Super Mario Brothers*

Directors: Rocky Morton and Annabel Jankel. 1993. Rated PG. 1 hour and 44 minutes. Starring: Bob Hoskins, John Leguizamo, Dennis Hopper, Samantha Mathis, Fisher Stevens, Fiona Shaw, and Richard Edson.

Okay, I can handle a great many things. I can handle a toy line being made into a film. I can handle graphic violence geared towards our youth.

But a movie based on a Nintendo game? What is going on—did I miss something? Is this what you guys want from a movie?

Bob Hoskins and Dennis Hopper star in this mindless mess about the adventures of those annoying little video game characters. The film tries to succeed by solely exploiting special effects, much in the same way that *Terminator 2* succeeded. Unfortunately, this film fails miserably.

As annoying as the high-pitched sounds that the film's video game protege makes is how annoying this film is. The actors do nothing more than make fools of themselves (although for the money, I probably would, too!), and the story is bore.

In the same way that you sit at home and watch your kids obsessed with getting to the "next world" while praying piously for the glorious words "Game Over," you will be sitting on your couch waiting anxiously for the words "Movie Over!"

What's next ... "Pac-Man—The Movie"? 1 STAR. (16 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related themes that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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This Week AT THE MOVIES...

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—On Deadly Ground

The only good thing about *On Deadly Ground* is how good Steven Seagal looks in buckskins on the back of a horse. Period.

Seagal directed this purported ecological adventure, creating the film from both sides of the camera. As adventure films of its kind go, it was a crowd-pleaser ... if you are into terrorizing violence in its most sadistic forms, all directed at women and old people.

On Deadly Ground deals with dastardly oil magnates who are hellbent on building the biggest oil refinery the Alaskan wilderness can contain. Michael Caine (in slicked-back, dark brown hair) looks years younger in this film. He plays the cold-blooded mastermind behind the oil cartel, and nothing—including eskimos, wildlife, and his own henchmen—are going to come between he and his billions. However, Caine has just weeks to get the new mega-refinery on-line before the oil rights revert to the Eskimos.

Seagal shifts his displaced allegiance from the boardroom to the bar-room, first coming to the defense of a Native American about to take a beating at the hands of belligerent oilworkers, and later seeking revenge for the brutal mutilation of an older oilman and lifelong friend.

As Seagal shifts to the side of truth, justice, and Native American rights, he also comes under fire. But, never fear; in a fight, one CIA-trained Seagal is worth a hundred henchmen.

Fans of this type of bloodbath will revel in its violence, and devotees of pyrotechnics will get an eyeful (and earful) of bombs, blasting guns, and exploding oil wells. Fans of Seagal will get a hefty dose of his martial arts skills.

After blasting tons of oil into the wilderness, we then are supposed to be pacified by a peaceful Seagal addressing the Alaskan courts on environmental legislation and the perils of pollution, complete with footage of oil-drenched birds, slick-covered shorelines, and oil-generated devastation in general.

It's supposed to justify the means to the end, but somehow, it comes off as a transparent "make good" that doesn't.

—Blue Chips

Blue Chips gives basketball jocks a day in heaven, complete with such court luminaries as Bob Cousy and Shaquille O'Neal.

Writer/producer Ron Shelton (the name behind such films as *Bull Durham* and *White Men Can't Jump*) teams up with director William Friedkin to create this trip to basketball heaven ... with a side trip that details how easily the (basketball) court—or any other playing field—can be corrupted as the pressure on players, coaches, and college administrators to be "number one" escalates.

Nick Nolte is the coach, leading off the film with a lecture that could put a Marine trainer to shame. His explosive temper flares with regularity, and his players take the brunt of it. Nolte doesn't like to lose, and he needs a winning team to make good with the public and recover from the scandal of a point-shaving incident dating back to way back when...

To make good he needs a winning team and sets out on a search for the right players, competing, wheeling, and dealing with colleges across the country for the best.

As the coach on the line, Nolte has the power to make the part work. Mary McDonnell as his ex-wife is the token female, and Shaquille is a stand-out in this story.

Sports fans will delight in spotting the big players of basketball.

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"*The Collection*" will be directed by Jean Burns and features Jim Boyle, Mary Broderick, Chris Daly, and Dave Cavanaugh.

"*The Lover*" is directed by Arnold Woods and features Amy Nyzio and Joseph Wille.

This is the first time Pinter has been performed by Encore, and both directors and actors are enthusiastic about the opportunity to explore the meanings of Pinter's words and to express the author's clever verbiage.

Curtain time is 8:00 p.m., except for the two Sunday matinees, which will be at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$6 on March 10th and the two matinees, to \$7 and \$8 on Fridays and Saturdays.

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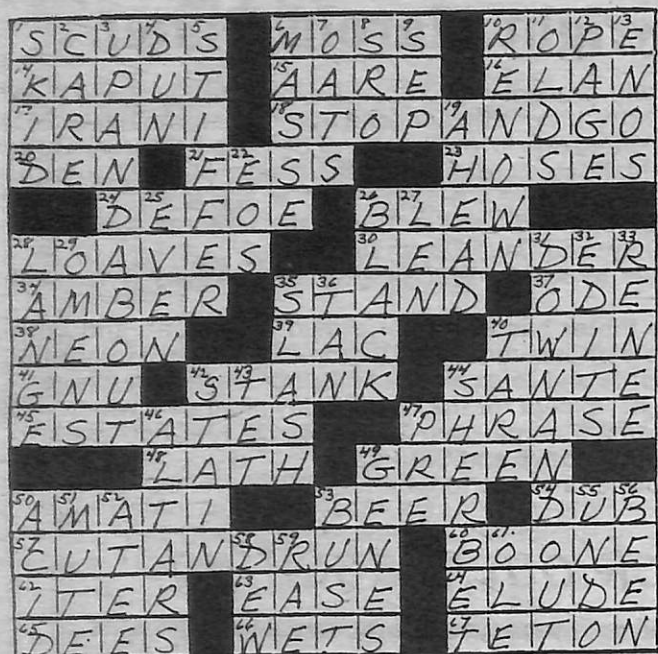
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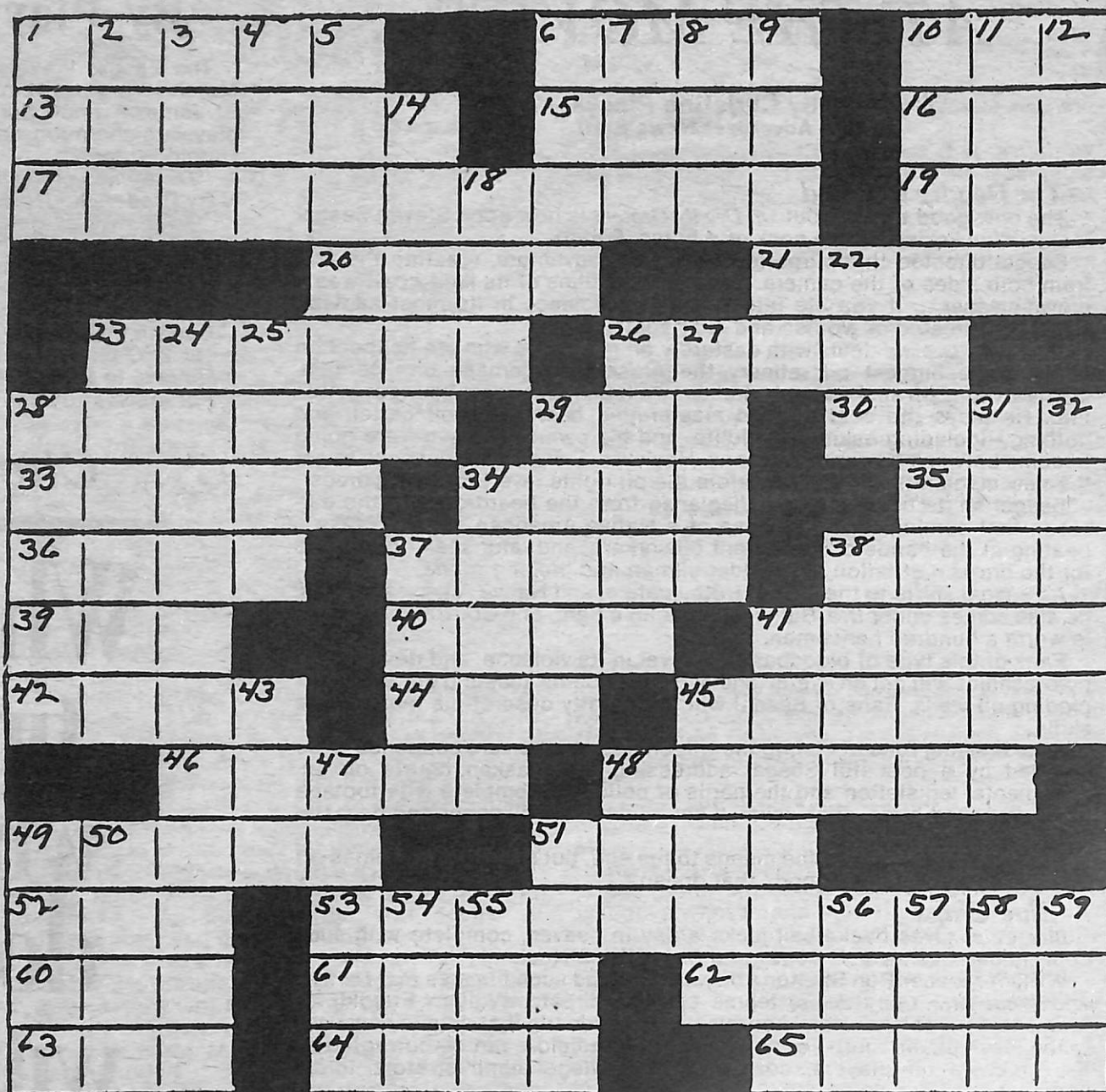
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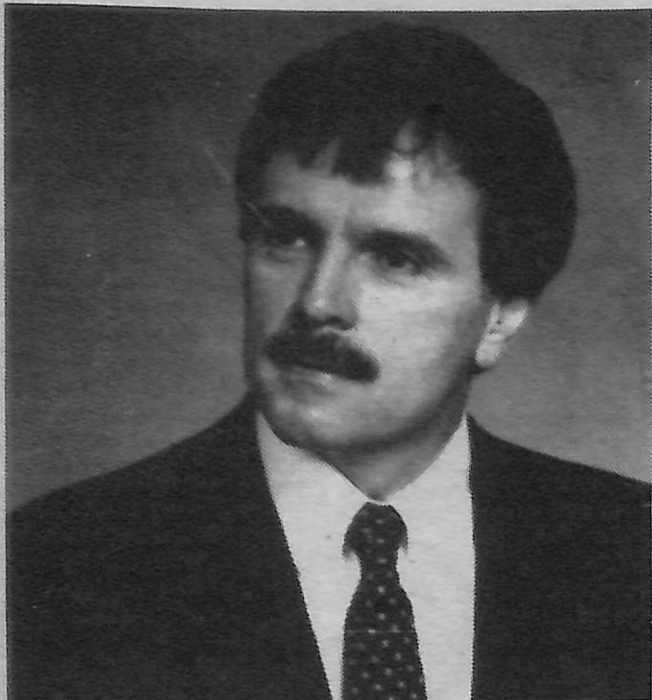
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Mr. Beauchesne has travelled extensively throughout France. He has been the recipient of several fellowships for advanced study in foreign languages. He studied at Arcachon near Bordeaux, France, and received a fellowship from the French government for summer study at the University of Nice.

Mr. Beauchesne was one of 15 teachers chosen from throughout the United States to be awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities to study in Paris. The subject of this fellowship was the 17th century playwright Moliere.

Mr. Beauchesne received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Montreal in French and philosophy, and his Master's degree in French from the University of Massachusetts.

Please join us for "A Summer in Paris" on Friday evening, March 4th, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Public Library. The program is free to the public through a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Springfield Symphony Planning Gala 50th Anniversary Concert March 5th

Witness the past evolve into the future at Springfield Symphony's 50th Anniversary Celebration, 8:00 p.m. on March 5th at Symphony Hall.

This special event involves the whole Symphony family and highlights the SSO's past, present, and future. Maestro Raymond Harvey, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Chorus, and Young People's Symphony will perform musical selections ranging from a commissioned world premiere fanfare to classical favorites of Brahms and Tchaikovsky.

As one of Maestro Harvey's last classical concerts with the SSO, the evening promises to bring to life the pleasure and musical talent which the Springfield Symphony has brought to the Western Massachusetts area for 50 years.

The SSO welcomes back former conductor Robert Gutter (1970-1986) who is currently Director of Orchestral Activities at the University of North Carolina and Music Director of the Philharmonia of Greensboro.

Serenade to Music, by Ralph Vaughn Williams, features text from William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, performed by the Springfield Symphony Chorus conducted by Chorus Director Lucinda Thayer.

Maestro Robert Gutter will conduct Barber's *Second Essay for Orchestra*, Op. 17. This work is a response to Barber's vastly popular *First Essay for Orchestra*. These two pieces are based upon the common literary format of stating an idea, commenting upon it, developing the idea and finally presenting a concluding statement.

The Academic Festival Overture was written by Johannes Brahms in acceptance of his honorary

Doctor of Philosophy degree awarded by the German University of Breslau. The cheerful, light-hearted work is a medley of four songs sung in the beer halls of German University towns.

One of the highlights of the program, the *Overture* will be performed by the Young People's Symphony "side-by-side" with the Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Harvey. This unique opportunity places 70 high school musicians on the stage next to the counterparts in the SSO.

The evening's spectacular conclusion will feature Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4*, Op. 36 in F minor. Tchaikovsky's energetic piece focuses on the simple joys of life, providing an appropriate ending to an evening celebrating the pleasure the SSO has given the Springfield area for 50 years.

Following this landmark concert, the audience will be invited by the SSO and Mass Mutual, the event's sponsor, to continue celebrating the golden anniversary with champagne and birthday cake at a reception open to all. Throughout the evening, the SSO's 50th Anniversary commemorative book and other souvenir items will be available for purchase. A perfect way to mingle with other Symphony patrons and members of the SSO family and to be part of a community dedicated to bringing the best in music to the area.

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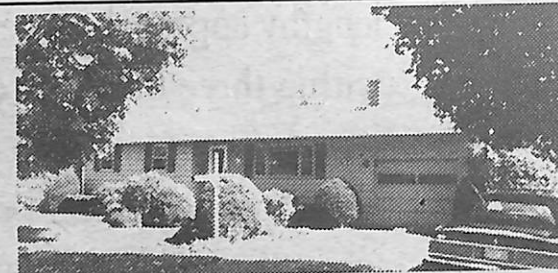
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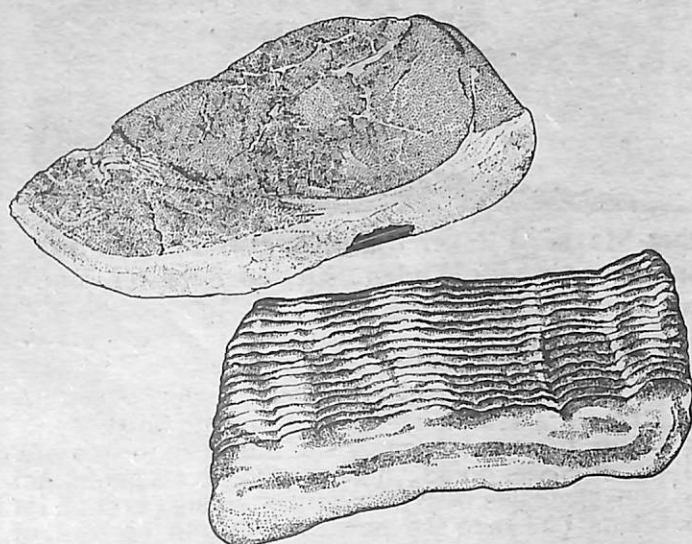
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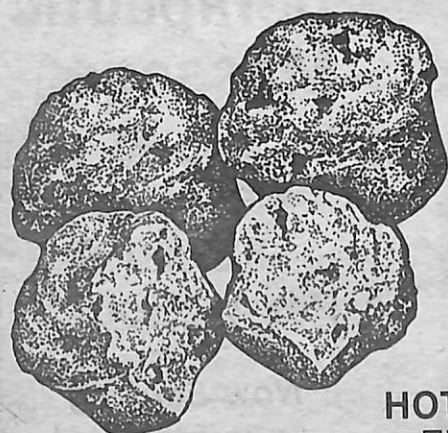
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Hi-Tech Timer Helps Middle Schoolers With CO2 Car Races

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The next time Middle School students of technical education teacher Maynard Baker race their CO2 powered cars, there will be no arguments over which car actually crossed the finish line first.

Parent Greg Sommer recently presented Baker with a professional-looking, win/lose tower he constructed using electronic components he purchased from Radio Shack along with "some stuff from home."

The tower is designed to eliminate the guesswork often caused when the fast-moving racers slammed into the finish line at speeds of up to 30 miles an hour. Sommer encased the wires, relays, and electronics making up the inner workings of the tower in sheet metal which he painstakingly painted in the traditional black and white checkerboard of official raceway finish lines.

At the start of each race, the tower's timing device is reset to allow the winning car to trip the relay to light up the green light over each of the two gates.

Idea Came After Watching Daughter's Race

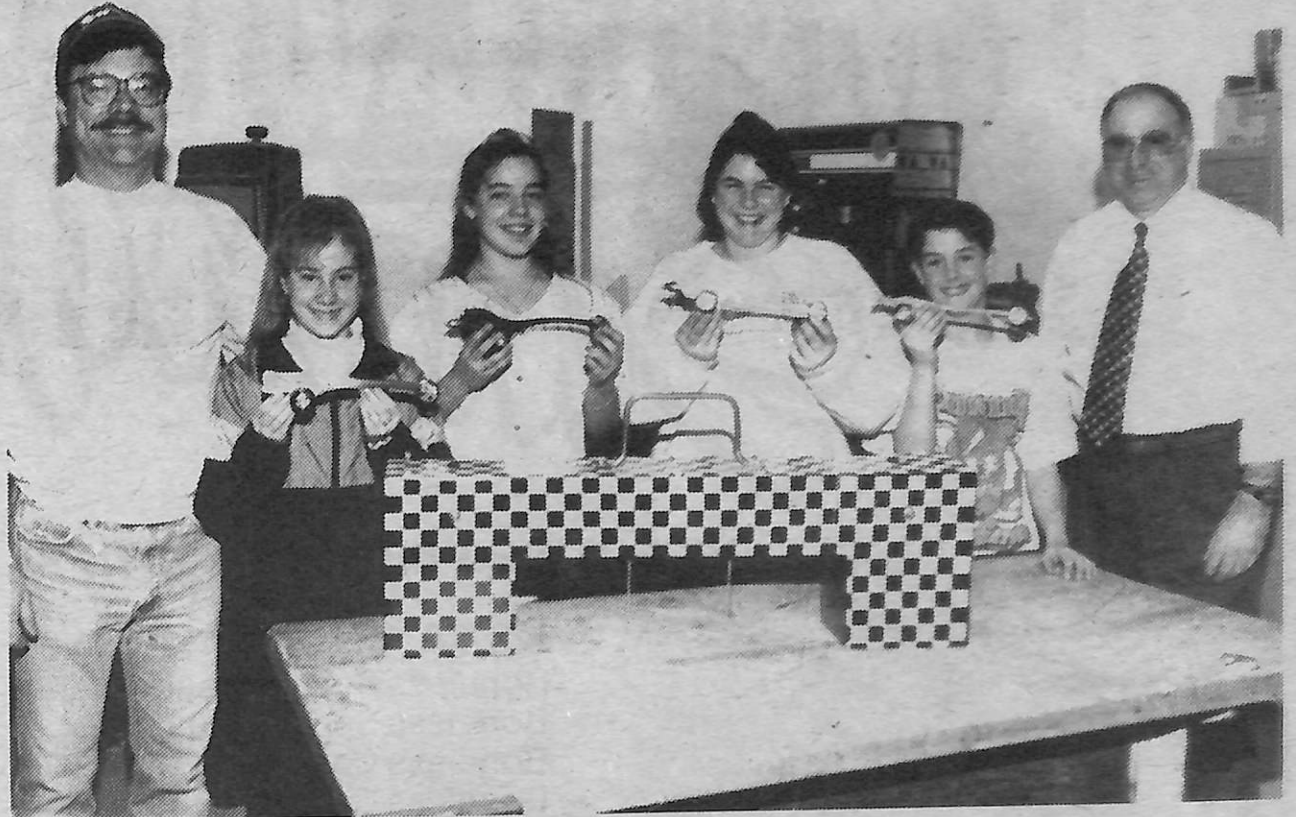
Sommer said he got the idea for the timing device when he came to school to watch the races of his daughter's (Jennifer) class. "The day I came to class, Amanda (Tilden) and Derek (Mercadante) raced so close it was a tie," Sommer said.

Sommer worked on the project over the Christmas vacation, putting in an estimated 40 hours in constructing the device.

"I've never had anything this nice donated to the class," Baker noted. "This is going to make it a lot more fun for the kids."

With pride in her father's willingness to devote so much time and effort into the project, Jennifer said, "The kids can't believe he did it! I think people won't argue anymore and it makes the track look more professional."

A life-long racing enthusiast, Sommer smilingly admits he was probably more excited about the race cars than Jennifer was when she brought her car home for painting and finish work.



PARENT GREG SOMMER (left) and teacher Maynard Baker (right) admire the win/lose electronic tower with students Jennifer Sommer, Amanda Tilden, Kirsten Schuster, and Derek Mercadante. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

After painting and sanding her car, Jennifer decorated the car with decals. As her class's first place winner in the overall looks category, the car was named Number 3 in honor of Dale Earnhart, the six-time Winston Cup National champion. "I like him because he's cool and he's known to come back at the last minute to win," Jennifer said.

Derek's car, "Speedy," took first place in the race, while Amanda's "Funky Flower" came in second. Kirsten Schuster's "Rosebud" took second honors in the looks category.

From Sketch To Wood

As Baker explained, the students construct their cars beginning with a sketch of their design. After trying out their idea with styrofoam, the students use a jigsaw to carve their design out of

a block of wood.

In an effort to involve parents in the project, the cars are sent home for painting and finish work.

In praise of Sommer's enthusiasm for the project, Baker noted, "It's super to have a parent get involved like that. He's very interested in shop for kids. I'd like to see more parents with that level of interest."

An equipment installer for AT&T, Sommer said he acquired his background in electronics during his service in the Army. His mechanical background comes from his interest in motorcycle and stock car racing.

Sommer said, "This is one of the best shop projects I've ever heard of. It challenges these young minds. It's a lot better than the ashtrays we used to make in shop!"

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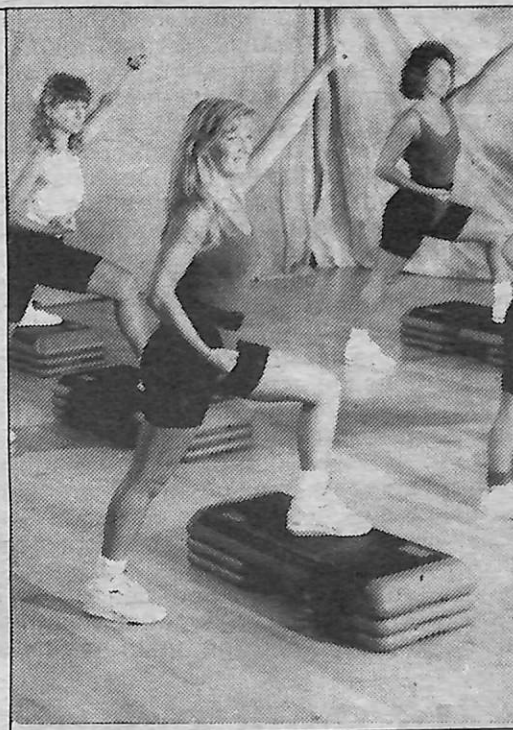
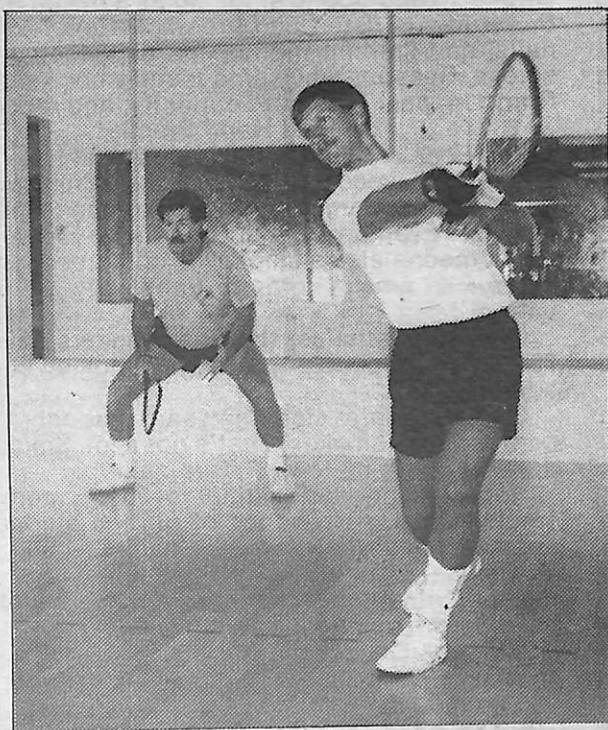
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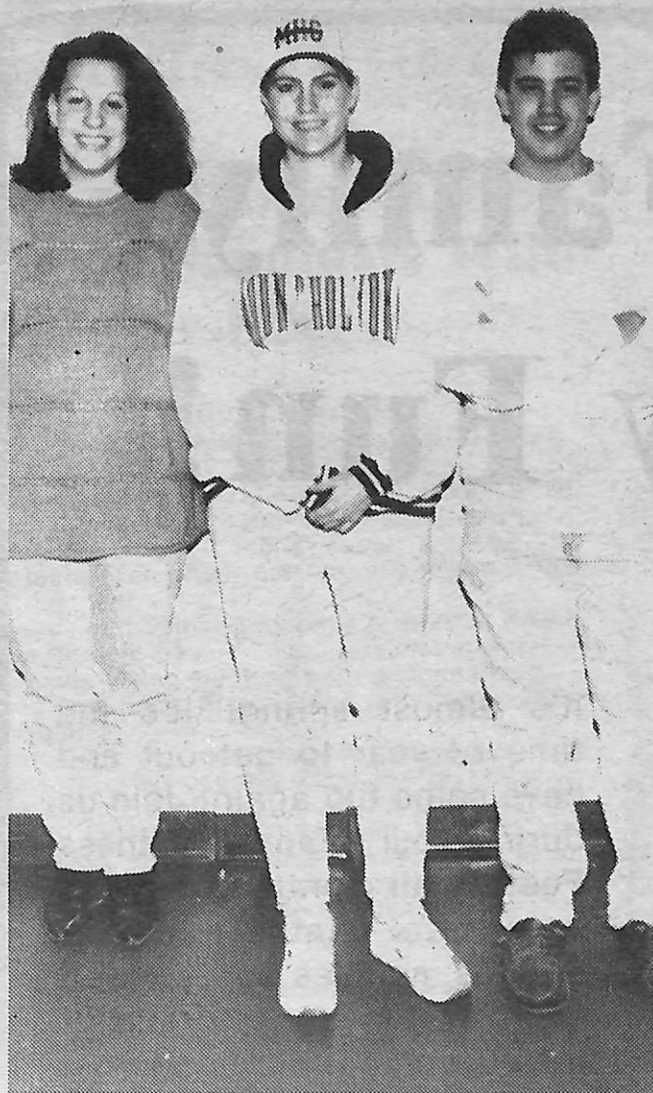
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Agawam High Peer Leaders Bring Anti-Smoking Message To Jr. High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor



AGAWAM HIGH Peer Leaders, from left - Adrienne O'Quinn, Kerry Thompson, and Mike Dutton brought an anti-smoking message of the Junior High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Recently, members of the Peer Leadership group from Agawam High School visited the Junior High School as part of their commitment to act as advocates and role models for a drug-free lifestyle.

Over a three day period, AHS Peer Leaders brought their message to the seventh grade students in health classes taught by Richard Condon and Barbara Willenbrock.

The Peer Leaders presented a variety of programs designed to highlight the dangers of smoking and using drugs or alcohol, as well as to help junior high students develop refusal skills to avoid the pitfalls of falling prey to peer pressure.

Helps To Allay Jr. High Fears

Condon said the presentations dovetail with the curriculum being taught in the health classes. "I think they do a good job of presenting the material," he said. "They (junior high students) react strongly to the high school kids. It's a good program and it helps to allay some of the fears junior high students can have about moving up to the high school."

Juniors Tina DeCaro and Rob Parslow, along with sophomore Tara Fiorini and freshman Melissa Troie used lecture handouts and a brainstorming session with the seventh graders to get the message across.

Rob shared his personal story of triumphing over cigarettes to show the youngsters how easy it was to get hooked into a nicotine habit.

After two years of an on-and-off smoking habit, Rob said the health hazards associated with smoking, coupled with a fear of physical addiction, enabled him to quit. Also, Rob knew smokers are not allowed into the Peer Leadership group.

Knowing he would be forced to resign from the club if he began smoking again has helped Rob

stay smoke-free.

Tina explained that Peer Leaders sign a contract to remain smoke and drug-free as part of their commitment to the group. "Kids are dropped from Peer Leaders if they smoke, drink, or do drugs so we will have a good reputation and kids will listen to us. That's why we have to keep our reputation clean and be strong about it," Tina said.

In a brainstorming session, Melissa drew up a list of the students' reasons for not smoking and reasons why some students might choose to smoke. In addition to smoking as a health hazard, the students listed bad breath, yellow teeth and nails, and limiting friendships as reasons not to smoke. Reasons why some teens smoke included fitting in, peer pressure, curiosity, and rebellion.

Second Hand Smoke

The Peer Leaders also focused attention on the problem of second hand smoke. Melissa commented on the problem of second hand smoke at parties. "Even if you're around them, you're inhaling someone else's smoke," Rob agreed, adding, "Plus, it smells gross. Especially if you're eating!"

Quoting statistics, the Peer Leaders said that 70 percent of people who begin smoking become addicted.

On the brighter side, they said that only 11 percent of teens smoke. "That's not a lot. Smoking is not a 'cool' thing to do," Tara said.

Rob said he was willing to openly admit his smoking history in hopes of getting students to open up about their smoking habits.

Melissa added, "Kids probably feel more comfortable" if some of the Peer Leaders admit they have tried smoking in the past.

Girl Scouts & Families Invited To Service

All Agawam Girl Scouts and their families and friends are cordially invited to join the Agawam Unit at the ecumenical service on March 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Girl Scout Sunday marks the beginning of Girl Scout Week. All interested individuals are welcome to attend this service and enjoy the Brownie choir, the Junior presentation of the "Thankful Tree," and readings by Cadettes.

A coffee hour will follow the service at the church, where centerpieces made by the Daisy troops will be displayed.

ANNUAL GIVING

It's that time once again for Annual Giving. Annual Giving is a time when parents are asked to make a contribution to support the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council.

This year, the Agawam unit has decided to hold a phone-a-thon! Our volunteers will be calling all the families of registered Girl Scouts for a pledge in early March.

Please join in the financial commitment to Girl Scouting.

AHS Band Parents Set Indoor Show Feb. 27th

On Sunday, February 27th at 1:00 p.m., the Agawam Band Parents are sponsoring a New England Scholastic Band Association (NESBA) Indoor Guard Show.

This is the first show ever to be held in Western Massachusetts. Along with the Agawam Indoor Guard, there will be several larger guards traveling from the eastern part of the state to compete at Agawam High School.

Admission for adults is \$5 and for children, \$3. Please help to make this an annual event and watch our kids "bring home the gold."

Abstinence Curriculum To Be Discussed With Superintendent Ryder

There will be a meeting with Bernard Ryder, Superintendent of Schools, on March 2nd, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. at the Junior High School to discuss an abstinence-based curriculum to be taught in the Agawam public school system.

This curriculum is not presently available. All who are interested are invited to attend; if you are unable to attend but are interested in voicing your concern, please notify Mr. Ryder and/or any School Committee member.

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Early Childhood Ctr. Conducts Raffle

The Agawam Early Childhood Center celebrated its first fundraising raffle with great success. The money raised will help fund this year's spring field trips.

The raffle was held on Friday, February 18th, at the Early Childhood Center. Among the 42 winners was Brent Crocker, who went away with a gift certificate to the Federal Hill Club. Brent, who attends the Early Childhood Center, was also the most successful in selling raffle tickets.

One of the key factors to the success of the raffle was due to the efforts of Stephanie Bertagnoli, Angie Bonavita, Teresa Bovat, Laura Dassatti, Yolanda Gamache, Peg Grimaldi, Kathy Manley, Carol Ruehl, Sheila Serra, and Millie Tangredi.

In addition to the Fundraising Committee efforts, the business community provided outstanding support by donating 42 fabulous prizes.

Yukon Derby Held At Spfld. Turnverein

On January 19th, at the Springfield Turnverein, several Cub Scouts from Pack 77 participated in the Yukon Derby.

All participants were broken up into small groups and competed in outdoor activities. The boys not only had a great time, they also learned teamwork.

Pack 77 Scouts Eric McLaughlin, Steve McLaughlin, and Michael Folliis, led by Lisa McLaughlin, took second place overall.

The cold temperatures did not slow these boys at all. They placed first in the football dribble and the rope-through, second in the snowshoe race, and third in the snowball toss.

Den 2 Scouts Sean McKeever, Nick Krolicki, and Mike Piccin placed second in the football dribble.

Great job, Pack 77!

Cub Scouts from Pack 77 will be participating in the annual "Scouting For Food" program. Scouts will be distributing special "Scouting For Food" bags to family and friends in your neighborhood on Saturday, February 26th.

The following Saturday, March 5th, the Scouts will be returning to collect the bags, which will hopefully be filled with canned goods and non-perishable food items.

Because of the current economic condition, there are so many families in our area that need our help. This food will make a big difference for the many families in the next few months.

"Scouting For Food" is an excellent way to help the boys get involved and make a positive contribution to their community. Please welcome and open your hearts to our Scouts during this worthwhile food drive.

If you are not visited by a Scout and would like to make a food donation, contact Denise at 786-1958 for more information.



THE TOWN'S EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER at Perry Lane Park held their raffle on Friday, February 18th. Some of the prizes that were awarded are pictured above with children Tiffany Walters, Aaron Manley, and Kristopher Ruehl. Pictured drawing the winning tickets (photo below) are Millie Tangredi, Laura Dassatti, Carol Ruehl, and Kathy Manley. Advertiser

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, March 1st: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned carrots, mustard, relish, catsup, chilled peaches, milk.

Wednesday, March 2nd: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian bread & butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, orange juice, jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, March 3rd: Cubed chicken meat with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned peas & carrots, whole wheat bread & butter, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Friday, March 4th: Hot vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato puffs with catsup, chocolate pudding or peaches, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

Saturday Night Teen Gym To Continue In March At Fitness First

Agawam High School students are allowed to use Fitness First Health Club in Feeding Hills on Saturday nights from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. for \$3 each night through March. The program is well supervised with Fitness First staff, parents of the PTO, as well as other town personnel including Town Councilor George Bitzas and Mayor Chris Johnson.

The first three weeks have been very well attended, with over 50 students participating in a variety of fitness activities this past week, according to club owner Kurt Welker. Many play racquetball, basketball, or wallyball while others work out on the equipment or go for a swim. The response from those students who have been attending is very positive. Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves.

The staff at Fitness First would like to remind those students under 16 years of age to bring a note from their parents allowing them to participate. Only Agawam students with proper high school ID are permitted.

Once students leave the club, they are not allowed to return that evening and may not gather in the parking lot. No beverages are allowed into the club. Soft drinks and juice are available. The Teen Gym continues this Saturday night (February 26th) despite the school vacation.

Fitness First will be making a donation to the Agawam DARE from the proceeds at the end of March.

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Agawam Schools' "What's Happening?"

(February 26th Thru March 4th)

- * **February 27th - Sunday:**
High School - Winter Colorguard and Precision Competition, 1:00 (AHS gym).
- * **February 28th - Monday:**
Junior High School - PTO meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- * **March 1st - Tuesday:**
AIDS Awareness Night - Grades K-6, Middle School Auditorium, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (information program for interested parents).
High School - Blue Sky Committee meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- * **March 2nd - Wednesday:**
Robinson School - School Council meeting, 3:45 p.m.
- * **March 3rd - Thursday:**
AIDS Awareness Night - Grades 7-12, Middle School Auditorium, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (information program for interested parents).
Early Childhood Center - School Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
High School - PTSO meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- * **March 4th - Friday:**
Junior High School - Warning notices go out.

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SCHOOL ADDITIONS - from Page 1...**Class Size Goals Outlined**

As a result of Curriculum Coordinator Ann Favreau's work, Ryder offered class size goals of 20 students in grades K-2 and 25 students in grades 3-6. Ryder said a teaching assistant would be hired should enrollment in grades 3-6 reach 29 to 30 students and redistricting would be considered should enrollments exceed 30 students.

Pursuing his goal of a library in each elementary school, Ryder said he was not satisfied with the current library arrangements at Granger, Phelps, and Clark Schools. Ryder added, "I would be satisfied by what they have at Robinson Park."

The Thelma Meadon Library at Robinson occupies an entire classroom while the libraries at the other three elementary schools share space in a special needs classroom, in the nurse's office, and on the school's stage.

Ryder said he hopes to have full-fledged libraries in all the elementary schools with a certified librarian to serve the needs of the four elementary schools (with the support of library volunteers).

School officials present agreed that the basic operating principle of the school system would be to preserve the concept of neighborhood elementary schools.

Ryder called on Mrs. Favreau for an overview of the current research supporting the neighborhood school concept. She reported that the best situation for young children is to be placed in a neighborhood school where they have the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of school life.

Mrs. Favreau said the inter-grade programs offered by some of the elementary schools provide the younger students with role models and are beneficial to both groups.

Neighborhood Schools Help Preserve Family

Charest noted that in his review, he has never found evidence supporting a departure from the neighborhood school concept. On the contrary, neighborhood schools help preserve the family unit as siblings attend the same school and parents feel a sense of "ownership" for their school as they come together for the education of their children, said Charest.

Ryder said he will recommend internal improvements at Granger and Phelps; the immediate formation of building committees for the additions at Robinson, Clark, and AHS; and the formation of a building committee in 1996 for a new elementary school at the Tuckahoe Turf Farm property.

Charest said he expects the time frame for state funding of the proposed additions will be cut from six to seven years of the past to three years due to the state's commitment to education reform.

Robinson Lunch Ladies Honor "New Year"

MEMBERS OF THE ROBINSON SCHOOL kitchen staff prepared a special Chinese luncheon to celebrate the recent Chinese New Year. From left - Geri Bonavita, Sandy Haskins, and Jeanne Healey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

News & Notes From Girl Scout Troops In Agawam; Honor Court Held

Even Troop 78 from the Springfield Turnverein found the weekend icestorms slowing down activities this winter. After the troop successfully held the Yukon Derby for the Cub Scouts of the Council at the Springfield Turnverein Club, 11 boys competed in the Klondike Derby at Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation.

Spearheaded by Joe Leporati, the troop placed second three times and third once in various competitions with other troops in the Pioneer Valley Council.

Participating in such events as "Escape the Georgia Chain Gang," "World Flag Identification," "Kamikaze Swing," and the "Junior Iditar" were John Bitgood, James

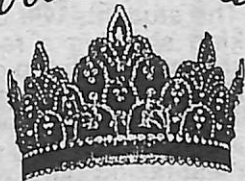
Borowiec, Chris Fennyery, Mike Hogan, Justin Kratovil, Joshua Miner, Jeremy Miner, Ariel Nunez, Joshua O'Neill, and Greg Pajak.

Since a large portion of the competition was teamwork and cooperation, they certainly showed what scout spirit is all about.

At the February Court of Honor, Arthur Von Marschall and Brian LaBorde became Tenderfoot Scouts and Robert Hamel received his First Aid Merit Badge and became a Star Scout.

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It's A Rocky Road For Robinson 4th Graders

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

To the children in Barbara Regish's fourth grade classroom, rocks have become much more than inanimate objects dotting the landscape. As the children have learned, if you know what to look for, rocks can serve as silent time-pieces chronicling the history of the earth.

As part of their study, the children learned about the tools geologists use and what geology is all about. With their natural enthusiasm for scientific terms, the children easily adopted the lingo of geologists and can knowledgeably discuss the Precambrian, Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic eras as related to the development of life on earth.

As part of their month-long study of geology as it ties to the study of natural history, the children recently welcomed Greenfield Community College Professor Richard Little as an in-class guest speaker.

According to Mrs. Regish, the class received a rock box containing 23 specimens of rocks and sand commonly found in the Connecticut Valley some weeks before the professor's visit. The specimens include examples dating from each of the four geologic eras. The rock box was assembled by the professor's students at Greenfield Community College and is offered as part of the professor's program based on his book, *"Dinosaurs, Dunes and Drifting Continents, the Geohistory of the Connecticut Valley."*

Using diagrams and information adapted from Little's book, Mrs. Regish and her students explored the eras of time and the history of the earth.

Science, Language Arts & Spelling

The children worked on folders designed to place dinosaurs in the context of the geohistory of the earth. Mrs. Regish said, "The children's study extended the science lesson into the language arts and spelling" (as the children prepared dinosaur dictionaries for their folders).

A bulletin board displaying the children's posters detailed the characteristics and major events of each geological era.

In an hour-long presentation to the class, Professor Little used slides and a video to demonstrate the connection between the geologic eras and the emerging forms of life on the planet. Mrs. Regish was especially pleased with that. "He geared his talk to what was happening in Agawam in each geologic era."

Mrs. Regish added, "The children thought it was amazing he could pick up a rock and tell what kind it was and what era it belonged to."

The children were particularly intrigued by the "armored mudball" formation discovered by Little in a Connecticut Valley Riverbank.

According to Mrs. Regish, Little was surprised at the insightful questions from the class. One student wanted to know if the fact that North America is currently drifting away from Europe at the rate of one inch per year meant that Alaska would one day bump into Siberia as the Bering Strait is so narrow.

Little told the children the most important thing he wanted them to remember was, "Rocks have history in them."

Capitolizing on the children's interest in dinosaurs, piqued by the movie *"Jurassic Park,"* Mrs. Regish developed her study from a workshop titled *"Dinosaurs in Our Own Backyard"* held at Amherst College in October, as part of the Five College Public School Partnership.



ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL FOURTH GRADERS, from left - Joshua Martel, Lissa Asta-Ferrero, Danya Decoteau, and Karl Konopka display their rock projects as part of a learning unit on geology. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Middle School Guidance News

by Thomas F. Dacey
Middle School Guidance Counselor

The Middle School Guidance Office welcomes the second phase of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in the fifth grade. This program is under the direction of Officer Donald Gallerani of the Agawam Police Department.

Officer Gallerani worked with Rooms 201, 203, 205, 208, 210, and 212 of the fifth grade during the first half of the year and is now presenting the program to Rooms 202, 204, 206, 207, 211, and 213.

This very successful program provides valuable training in the avoidance of drug and alcohol abuse. In addition, the students are provided with new insights into how to enhance their self-esteem.

The intramural coed pillo-polo program will begin at the Middle School on February 28th. Pillo-polo, a type of floor hockey, is played after school in the gym. Students are allowed to ride home on the regular late busses.

Pillo-polo competition is between sixth grade homerooms under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Martel. This winter sport is very popular with the students.

The Middle School Guidance Office wishes

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parents to know that special reports for poor academic progress and other problems will be issued on or about March 4th.

Parents of students who receive these special reports are asked to please sign them and return them to the school via their child as soon as possible.

Since the end of the school year is not far off, the parents of the students who receive these special reports are urged to address any problems immediately. As always, the Middle School Guidance Office welcomes calls from parents at any time. Mr. Dacey, the Middle School Guidance Counselor, can be reached at 789-1400, ext. 453.

In the area of study skills, the fifth grade students will be starting a program on improving their test-taking skills during the week of February 28th.

The students will be watching a video on test-taking showing a real classroom. They will be discussing such topics as preparing for tests, the different kinds of tests, and memory techniques with the guidance counselor.

Also, the students will complete a study sheet on test-taking skills which they will be allowed to keep and bring home.

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Parent's Night Slated At Ag. Junior High

Agawam Junior High School principal Kevin C. Littlefield announces that a spring Parent's Night will take place on Monday, March 7th, 1994 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

At that time, all parents will be able to sign-up for brief five-minute conferences with teachers and staff members.

Mr. Littlefield points out that the spring Parent's Night will afford parents an excellent opportunity to visit with teachers and to review their child's academic progress.

Sharon Phaneuf On Wheaton's Dean's List

Sharon Phaneuf, Class of '95, has been named to the Dean's List at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., for the 1993 fall semester.

Ms. Phaneuf is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Phaneuf.

Students must attain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher to be named to the Dean's List.

Wheaton is a coeducational liberal arts college offering more than 600 courses and 30 majors.

Lisa J. Davies On College Dean's List

Lisa J. Davies of 46 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills, has achieved Dean's List status for the 1993 fall semester at Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

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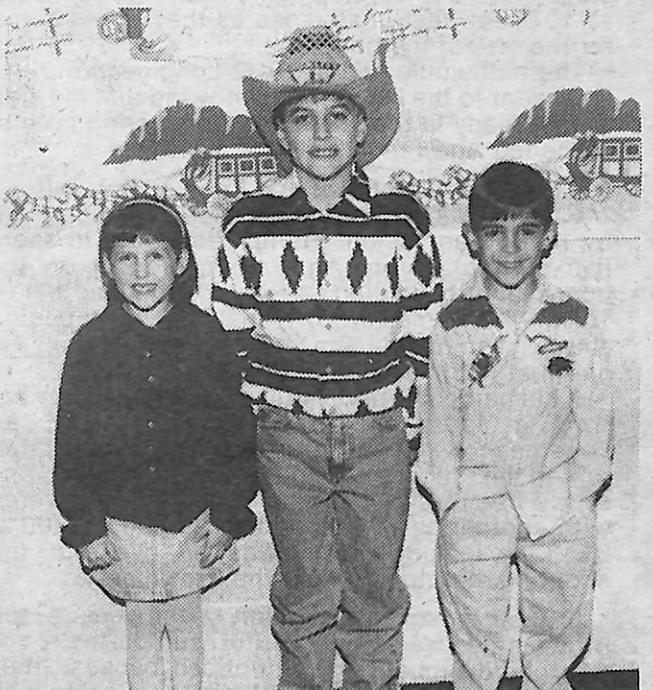
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Jr. High PTO Plans To Meet Feb. 28th

The Agawam Junior High PTO will hold its next monthly meeting Monday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

All parents of junior high students are encouraged to attend.

Honor Society At AHS Announced

The Agawam High School Guidance Department has announced the following list of National Honor Society members.

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*Dana Adams, Amy Annino, Matthew Bellico, Katie Berry, Rena Chicklas, Andrew Clark, Stephen Decoteau, Nicole DeCosmo (secretary), Christopher DeMastrie, Michelle Dutton, Karen Eaton, Marie Fortier, *Richard Gosselin, John Hogan, Alison Jean.

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Rebecca Auld, Barbara Bitgood, Steven Bodurtha, Christina Bousquet, Suzanne Brown, Jennifer Cote, Jessica Crowley, Michael Dutton, Steven Freeman, Ryan Henderson, Amanda Limbert, Xuan Ly.

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Honorary Members

Yvonne Hodel, Alena Rusava, Jose Ricaurte.

Honorary Teacher

Art Gage.

* Denotes new senior members.

GAMBLING - from Page 1...

Furtado said he has spoken to the 11 students alleged to have made bets in school. "I was told by three students that verbal threats have been made in school in front of witnesses."

According to Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder, "It appears the problem has been going on for several years."

Official Action Taken Last Fall

Ryder confirmed reports that official action was taken last fall after one student reported threats of bodily harm for failure to pay gambling debts. Ryder said the investigation revealed some students had accumulated gambling debts of \$300 to \$500.

Ryder said that although one alleged student "bookie" has left the high school, "I believe it's still going on."

According to Ryder, the School Department is attempting to educate the students involved and their parents to "help us help them." Unless students victimized by gambling are willing to identify the "bookies," the School Department cannot take action, Ryder said.

Working with the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, Furtado distributed a survey designed to learn the extent of the gambling problem at the school to the students. Furtado said he is presently waiting for the results of the survey before taking further action.

Although he is aware of reports of gambling at the Agawam Junior High, Ryder said, "I haven't heard of any heavy gambling involving threats. The school administration has been alerted to it."

According to Police Captain Robert Campbell, his investigation of the alleged gambling incidents turned up no evidence of the involvement of organized gambling. "The only conclusion we can factually make is it was students gambling with themselves."

Campbell said there is no rampant gambling problem at the high school. "Our investigation involved a handful of students," Campbell added.

Campbell said a show cause hearing was held as a result of a complaint filed by a parent. No criminal charges were filed.

Campbell said the investigation was hampered by a lack of witnesses. "If their children are having problems, parents should come forward and let us know."

According to Campbell, his department received the full cooperation of school officials.



WEBELOS FROM CUB PACK 85 recently toured the Agawam Fire Station on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Cub Pack 85 Webelos Receive Tour Of Agawam Fire Department

Cub Scout Pack 85's second year Webelos of Agawam United Methodist Church had a fine tour of the Agawam Fire Department.

Members of the department explained the capabilities of the fire truck and ambulance. They spoke to the Scouts about first aid.

While the Scouts were there, two calls came in

and they saw both the fire truck and ambulance leave.

The boys were allowed to climb on one of the fire trucks, which they enjoyed doing.

Thanks to the Springfield Street Station for an interesting tour.



Sports

AHS Girls' Hoop Falls Hard Twice

Torrid Northampton Pounces On Brownies To End 17-Game Skein

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When Agawam High School's girls' basketball team beat Northampton High earlier this season, it was a terrific ballgame. 'Hamp came to town with guns blazing. Then undefeated Agawam countered every punch and came away with a thrilling victory.

There were signals that the Blue Devils might be the team that had the formula to unlock Agawam's keys to success. And last Thursday night in Northampton, the home team erupted right from the opening whistle and walloped Agawam 61-44 in the process.

Basketball is a game of momentum and Northampton gained that little element right away. Relying on a senior sharpshooter named Liz Moulton (who had done next to nothing on the road in Agawam), the Blue Devils got themselves way out in front in the game's early moments.

'Hamp Senior Takes Charge

After the two prime time players (Agawam's Cyndi Stone and 'Hamp's Addie Stiles) began the game by trading inside baskets, Moulton took charge of the ballgame. With her point guard (Betsey Gonski) whipping the ball around the perimeter like Houdini, Moulton simply cut off back screens to find open spots on the floor and Gonski kept hitting her in stride.

She connected on consecutive three pointers (one from the right and one from the left) to put 'Hamp up 8-2. Junior Kristen Schmaelzle answered for Agawam with a little banker on the left side before Moulton launched another bomb (with her foot on the arc) that put the home team up 10-4. Stiles followed that by rebounding home a miss and Moulton poured through her ninth, 10th, and 11th points with another trifecta and the game was still not five minutes old.

'Hamp led 15-4 and it might as well have been thumbing its noses at the undefeated opposition from Agawam.

Stone, who will be playing Division I hoop at St. Joseph's of Philadelphia next year, had no answers on this night. After her opening basket, she was silent offensively until she got an inside basket with 2:44 to go in the first half and her team was already trailing 24-8 at the time.

After Moulton totally loosened up the Agawam defense, that gave Stiles plenty of room to operate down low and she responded beautifully. She would garner 16 points and 19 rebounds. That feat is particularly amazing when you realize that the Brownies captured just 18 bounds as a team on the night.

If that wasn't enough trouble, Gonski began seeking her offense midway in the half and her dippy-doo's and strong baseline drives were continually sending the Agawam kids back down the floor trailing by yet another deuce. If it sounds like Northampton was having its own way, then you are getting the picture.

The Brownies would close with a little mini 6-2 run to finish the half, but they still left the floor trailing it 30-16.

Coach Lou Conte got them motivated in the locker room and the Brownies would show some good heart by fighting back strong. But 'Hamp was told to keep playing, too, as evidenced by its 5-0 run from the opening play of the second. Tara Kelly got a flat-footed rebound and putback and then Moulton (23 points overall) nailed another three to put the Devils up 35-16.

That was about enough of that for Dina DeMarco (scoreless in the first half). She revved her motor and got her squad going beautifully.

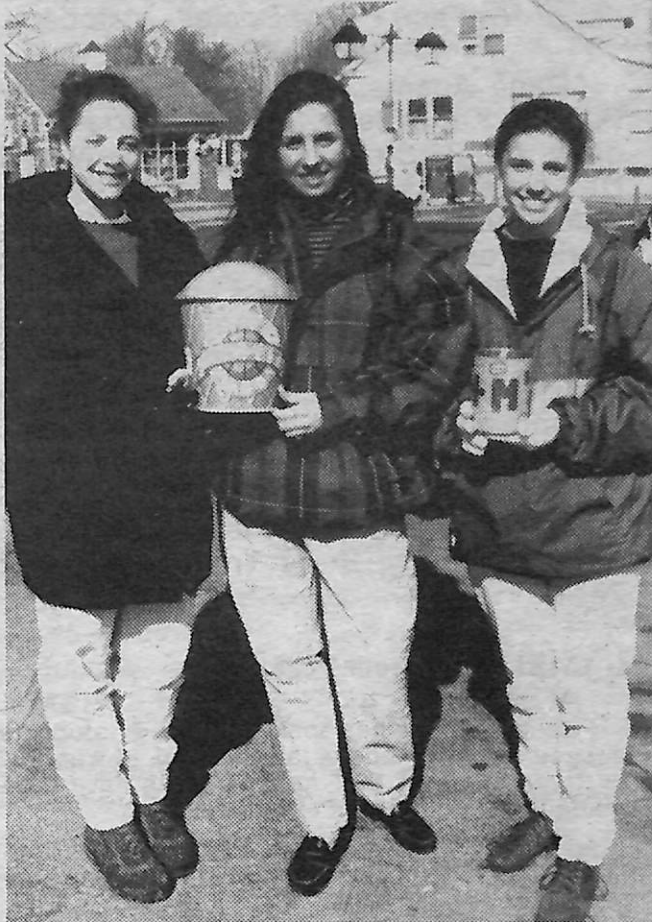
First, she fed Stone, who wound up sinking two free throws. Dina then hit a pull-up jumper and made a steal which she converted.

Locals Gain Momentum

The Agawam crowd (large and wonderful again) got into it and the Brownies kept coming back. Gonski hit a free throw, but DeMarco hit a one-hander in heavy traffic and Schmaelzle laid one off glass to cut the lead to 36-26. Down 10 with 8:30 to go, Agawam seemed to be gaining momentum.

But that would not be the case. The Brownies knew they had to get out on the shooters defensively, and this wound up costing them as the Blue Devils started going backdoor with their offense. Consequently, they got some solid close-to-the-basket opportunities which essentially turned out the lights for good on Agawam.

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AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' hoop players were in front of the Corner Deli on Main Street to seek donations in their collection buckets. From left - Courtne Hyland, Shauna Nacewicz, and Kate LaBreck. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Hockey Shocks Amherst With 5-2 Upset Victory

by Doug Perdue
Advertiser News Correspondent

Marc Turgeon and Brett Pajer each scored two goals while Dan Moriarty added what may turn out to be the most bizarre tally of the season as the Brownies posted a come-from-behind, 5-2 upset over Berry Division champion Amherst.

Gearing Up For Tournament

The win comes at a good time for the locals as they gear up for the Western Mass. Tournament. The locals have one regular season game remaining, that being Saturday, February 26th vs. Minnechaug Regional at the West Side Olympia.

The Hurricanes started quickly by getting on the board at only 36 seconds as Scott Rousseau tipped a beautiful pass into the upper corner of the net to give the Hurricanes a 1-0 lead.

Amherst's Graham Gill scored on a slapper which eluded a screened Derek Benton to increase the lead to 2-0 at 6:54 of the first period.

Benton came up big several times the rest of the stanza and the score remained 2-0 at the first period buzzer.

In the second period, tempers were short with a lot of pushing and shoving by both squads. Several penalties were whistled early on and both teams seemed to get the message as play settled down and each team started to move the puck.

AHS had several good scoring opportunities early in the period but its first goal turned out to be a fluke.

Matt Disco took the puck from his own zone and skated to center ice where he attempted to hit Dan Moriarty with a pass. The pass just missed Moriarty's stick as he chased the puck down to the corner. Moriarty was looking for someone to pass to in front of the net but there was no one in sight.

Instead of just throwing the disc out in front, Moriarty decided to flip it over the net. But the puck struck the Amherst goalie in the back of the head and fell into the net (just across the goal line) at 7:55. This cut the Amherst lead in half.

Turgeon tied the battle at two each at 11:20. He accepted a pass from Disco and skated up the right side and over the Amherst line. Turgeon rifled a slapshot through the goalie's legs.

Benton Was Tough All Night

The remainder of the period was scoreless but only thanks to Benton. Again, he was tough when many tough Amherst scoring bids came his way.

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Early 2nd Half Spurt Pushes Lancers Past Brownie Girls, 55-43

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Weirdness prevailed at Longmeadow High School on Tuesday night. And weird was just fine on Senior Night for the homestanding Lancers. They built a big first-half lead and then held off a furious Agawam challenge to waltz it on home with a solid 55-43 victory at D'Agostino Gym.

It was the second straight road Senior Night that Agawam had faced, and it was the second straight loss for the Brownies. They just happened to be the first two losses of the season for Agawam, as they fell 17-2 just in time to probably miss the top seed in the Western Mass tournament which begins next week. Pittsfield is the odds-on favorite to grab the tourney's highest seed.

The aforementioned weirdness could be felt in the first minutes of the ballgame. Cyndi Stone put a rebound home with 12:28 to go in the first half, and that put the Brownies on top 2-0! Nobody scored in the first 3:32. Talk about teams feeling each other out.

Then, the Lancers must have gotten the message because they reeled off 10 straight points to take the upper hand in the contest. Basketball is generally a game of ebb and flow, but the normally resilient Brownies had no first-half answers—none.

Martha Shay hit a turnaround and then she made a steal and hit from the side for a 4-2 Lancer lead. Jen Martinelli stepped in and hit a 10-footer, and Sam Ryall made her lone contribution of the evening as she canned one from the left elbow.

It was 8-2 when Coach Lou Conte of Agawam brought his troops over for a chat with 7:29 left in the half. The area's top team had just one hoop in the first 8:31, and the Longmeadow kids were already believing.

Out of the timeout, Martinelli capped a fine fast break on the right side of the basket before Kristen Schmaelzle finally stopped the bleeding with a free throw at 7:16. She missed the second one, and Stone tapped the rebound home as the game started to develop some flow. Agawam trailed 10-5, and that is as close as they would come for the rest of the ballgame.

The half would end at 19-12 Longmeadow, and they went to the lockerroom knowing that six kids were already in the scorebook for scoring points. Stone led Agawam with eight at the break.

The "Opening Salvo" Of The Second Half

Last week in Northampton, the Brownies trailed by 14 at intermission. 'Hamp came back to score five straight before Agawam could get on the board, and they could never slice the lead below 10 in that game. In Longmeadow, the opening salvo by the home team was even bigger than the one that Northampton had delivered.

A kid named Kate Girotti keyed an 8-0 run by hitting a fadeaway and a turnaround as Longmeadow got out in front by 27-12. Stone interrupted the run for a second when she dropped one of two free throws, but Shay and Girotti answered with another basket each and the lead peaked at 31-13. It looked like it was all over but the shouting, but nobody told the Brownies.

In their most frantic action of the season, the Brownies delivered a beautiful "run on the road" that could probably go unnoticed because they lost the game. Katie LaBreck got them going with a free throw, and she proved to be the Opening Act for the Kristen Schmaelzle show.

The junior bagged two freebies on the line and followed that with a power rebound and a gorgeous duck under move that sliced the lead to 31-20. Stone responded to a Sara Maggi free throw with a hoop down low as the Brownies had cut it to 10.

This was Longmeadow's night, though—and Girotti (my "key performer of the game" selection) got another one to trickle over the front rim to put Longmeadow off on another little mini-run. Shay (16 prime-time points) went hard to the hole for another deuce, and Longmeadow had built it back to 14.

LaBreck kept the Brownies alive by hitting a couple of high-arching shots from the left wing side. Stone and Schmaelzle were doing their thing in the paint for a couple more hoops, and the Agawam quintet was within 10 again.

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The turning point of the game came only 51 seconds into the third period when AHS was whistled for two penalties. The locals came up huge by killing off a two-man advantage for Amherst to keep the game tied.

At 9:18 of the final period, Pajer notched his first tally of the night. Brandon Parelli took a shot from the point that missed the net. But the rebound caromed off the boards and all the way out front on the other side where Jay Biagetti was able to get a stick on it. Pajer was then able to slip the puck into the net to give AHS a 3-2 lead.

The Brownies were pressing again when Amherst picked up a loose puck at center ice and broke in two-on-one against Benton at the 10:40 mark. Scott Rouisse, the Hurricanes' deadly playmaker, fed a perfect pass to his left wing who had nothing but net to shoot at, or so he thought.

From out of nowhere, Benton used his blocker pad to stop the shot to keep the lead intact for the locals.

Pajer increased the lead to 4-2 at 13:17 after Disco dumped the puck into the Amherst zone. Pajer then raced down the left wing to move the puck to his forehand. On a bad angle, Pajer fired a shot that surprised the Amherst goalie. The puck crept between the goalie's right pad and into the net.

Agawam added an academic tally when Turgeon scored with just 22 seconds left. Eric Mastroianni took a backhand that never made it to the net but Turgeon was able to pick up the puck in traffic and move around the goalie for the score.

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Stone got inside to cut it below 10 at 41-32, and then nearly brought the house down on a jailbreak on which she travelled while scoring the hoop. After a timeout, Stone hit another free throw and LaBreck chipped in with another bomb on the left and, suddenly, Agawam was within six with plenty of time remaining. The clock had just moved under three minutes.

Conte tried to pick out the poorest free throw shooters for the Lancers, as time became a factor. It didn't work. Martinelli hit some big ones and Shay dropped a pair, too. It became furious garbage time, and Agawam never cut into the lead again. The Lancers, in fact, were taking the score the other way.

Ag. Recreation Dept. Offers Variety Of Winter Programs

High School—Open Gym:

Adult open gym at the Agawam High School will resume on Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning Monday, February 28th, and Wednesday, March 2nd.

The new hours will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and the session will run through the end of March. The charge is \$2.00 per person (pay the supervisor at the door).

This program is available to town residents only!

Recreational Open Swim Periods:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High will be open for public swim for youth and adults on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Final Sign-Ups For Agawam Little League



AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL officials Jeff Carmody and Joanne Menard take the applications for the upcoming baseball season from Brittany Theriaque and Jay Connelly.

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Tomkiel Bewildered By 10th Place At State Wrestling Tournament

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

For the past several years, the trip to the State Tournament has been one of frustration and bitter disappointment for the Agawam High Brownie Wrestling contingent. The grapplers from our town have shown up and made a terrific run at the title, only to place second on three straight occasions (1990-1992) and third last season.

For a team that sets its sights on the highest achievements possible, these runner-up finishes serve as crushing defeats.

The eight-time defending Western Massachusetts champions headed to Lowell High last Friday morning to try to do it again. And this time, they finished well back in the pack as the 10-man squad never developed any momentum and the Orange of Agawam landed in 10th place when all was said and done.

"Gosh, I am going to have to take the blame here," said an astonished Coach Phil Tomkiel. "I have no idea what happened this week. I have been preparing teams for this type of competition for a long time and I truly believe that this was our most distressing performance in 10 years."

Coach To Enter Hall of Fame

The 20 year veteran coach is just one week away from entering the Hall of Fame for his tremendous career at the Agawam helm. "I am really disappointed. Although some of the kids wrestled very well (eight of the 10 Agawam qualifiers won at least one match), we just didn't step up and get it done like we should have. This will be interesting this week as Tommy (Assistant Coach Cascio) and I try to find out what we can do to make next year's trip more successful."

One thing that Tomkiel says can be done differently in regards to preparation is the time spent with wrestlers from other teams during the week between Western Mass. and the States. "We had kids from Westfield, Amherst, Southwick, and other schools in our gym and that takes a little of the edge away from our kids. We want to motivate and pump up our kids, but we don't do it as much when the kids from other places are on our mats. We have done that before and we might want to take a look at something like that. It truly is difficult to explain where we went wrong this season."

"For instance, Framingham won the state title this year and we beat them 44-19 in a dual meet last season. It's the same team..." said Tomkiel.

Agawam's top finisher was sophomore **Andrew**

Ingham, who battled hard to earn third place honors in the 171 pound division. He pinned one opponent in 48 seconds and beat three others by the large scores of 14-7, 23-10, and 12-3. He was denied an opportunity to reach the finals when he was downed by Mallajah Mohammed of South East Regional High in the semi-finals. "This guy was a monster," Ingham told us after the match. "He was really strong."

Willard Highest Seed Of Brownies

Agawam's Kevin Willard had the highest seed of any of the Brownies. He was the top seed in the 125 pound division. He pinned his first opponent in less than a minute, but then dropped a 6-5 decision in the quarterfinals and never reached the medal round.

Chris Chechile won two matches in the 103 pound division. Teammates **Matt Bryant** (140 pounds) and **Jon Jacobsen** (189 pounds) also picked up two victories apiece. Heavyweight **Mike Poth**, 130 pounder **John Scalise**, and 112 pounder **Chad Boucher** each earned one victory by pinfall.

The Brownies would only amass 40 overall points in the competition. Other Western Mass. wrestlers that placed at States included champions Abdul Shabazz of Putnam Vocational at 103 pounds and Sam Kline of Amherst at 145 pounds. Cruz Franco of Central High placed second at 112 pounds.

Jess Mosher of Amherst got a fourth place in 103; Chris Chelli of Westfield placed third at 130; Dawa Romito of Amherst was third at 135 pounds; and Kirk James of Putnam grabbed third at 145 pounds.

Nelson Zayas of Commerce was a fifth place finisher at 140; Jake Hogan of West Springfield was fifth at 119. Meanwhile, John Soules of Pittsfield High and Malwin Davila of Putnam both placed sixth.

Although the Lowell experience was so bitter, Agawam fans can be buoyed by the news that only three of the kids on this year's team will be lost to graduation (Boucher, Willard, and 160 pounder **Chris Langdon**).

Nine straight Western Mass. titles? "Don't be so sure," Tomkiel told us, "Westfield will bring back every single one of their 13 kids next season, so it should be a battle all the way in Western Mass."

He might be right, but jeez, it seems like we have heard all this before...

GIRLS' HOOP - from Page 36...

Stone would not score again until it was garbage time and Moulton was as hot as the lava that they named after her.

She probably drove the final stake when she stole the ball and cruised home to make it 44-30. Minutes later, she let fly her fifth successful three pointer which had her teammates and fans

laughing with Blue Devils well out in front, 49-32. A 40-18 rebound edge and a 15-0 advantage from three point land can easily equate to a 17 point loss.

The loss dropped the Brownies to 17-1 while the Blue Devils upped their record to 17-2. Agawam is still battling the Blue Devils and the Generals of Pittsfield High for the top seed in the upcoming Western Massachusetts championships.

AHS Girls' Skiing...

AHS Finishes High In WMass

by Shelly Michaels
Advertiser News Correspondent

On the road to the Western Mass Championships, the AHS girls' ski team had just one more competition to complete. Skiing in the same fashion and style as they have exhibited throughout the season, the girls once again dominated the slopes.

Competing in the Individuals on February 15th against 250 skiers, the girls registered some remarkable results in the Giant Slalom, which was held in the afternoon.

Ali Rusava placed an incredible ninth in the league, while Kim Graveline finished 22nd. Dyan DeLuce checked in 26th, and Diane Petrangelo scored a respectable 32nd. The morning's Slalom event seeded racer Diane Petrangelo 32nd, Dyan DeLuce 16th, and Kim Graveline 22nd.

Lots of support from parents, brothers, and sisters encouraged the racers to ski their best and also enjoy themselves.

Coach Jim Graveline joined the team members and their families for a picnic on the mountain. Good food and good vibes psyched the girls for the competition, and they are now looking forward to going to the big one—the Western Mass Championships—as the undefeated champs on March 2nd at Berkshire East Ski Resort.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH girls' ski team. Back row, from left - Coach Jim Graveline, Celeste Arraztoa, Ali Rusava, Joana Monteiro Grillo, Heather Plowman, Kristen Trauschke, Carrie Janik, and Cindy Alfano. Front row - Kara McDade, Jen DaSilva, Kim Graveline, Dyan DeLuce, Eric Schlaffer, Danielle Petrangelo, and Meagan Moriarty.



AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR Joe Scherpa attacks the slopes.

Scherpa Leaves Strong Legacy As Captain Of AHS Boys' Skiing

by Shelly Michaels
Advertiser News Correspondent

Crashing into the lodge at Otis Ridge Ski Resort didn't disillusion an aspiring eight year-old from pursuing his skiing dreams. Senior Joe Scherpa recalls his introduction to skiing as a "real learning experience."

Year after year, Joe continued his slips, trips, and falls on the slopes and (along the way) gained strength, balance, and aggressiveness. He joined the ski team in his freshman year at AHS and, at the end of his first season with the Brownies, was named the most improved skier.

As a sophomore, only two meets into the season, Joe broke his collarbone which sidelined him for the rest of the year. Rather than getting discouraged with this disabling injury, Joe's desire and determination to ski again grew stronger.

Rejoining the team as a junior, his eagerness to compete propelled him to the number-one position on the team; he placed in the top 10 in Division B; was seeded for Western Mass Championships; and was the recipient of the coveted MVP award for 1992-93.

A true enthusiast, Joe stays focused during the off-season by rollerblading, by setting up cones that simulate a race course, and by performing the groundwork and crosstraining necessary to prepare for the forthcoming season.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH boys' ski team. Back row, from left - Coach Glen Olsen, Joe Scherpa, Todd Zern, Matt Bellico, Brandon Robb, Paul Braccialarghe, Greg Weld, and B.J. Cortis. Front row - Andy Markowski, Justin Aldridge, Ben Weld, Jeff Alberti, Kevin Perrault, and Dan Viens.

AHS Boys' Skiing...

AHS Boys Compete In Western Mass

by Shelly Michaels
Advertiser News Correspondent

As the season was winding down, so too were the competitive runs for this year's Brownie boys' ski team. Berkshire East hosted the Western Mass Individual Meet on February 15th with conditions agreeable to all.

The entire squad participated individually on this day, not as a team! This meet was different; the objective was for each member to ski his personal best against 250 competitors.

The events included the Giant Slalom race in the morning, with the Slalom race taking place in the afternoon. The combined times of both races decipher where the individual skier will place overall in the division, with the top 60 combined scores being recognized.

The results for the Brownies are as follows:
Joe Scherpa, S No. 13, GS No. 43, combined No.

18; Andy Markowski, S 51, GS No. 85, combined No. 55; Matt Bellico, S No. 56, GS No. 80, combined No. 56; Todd Zern, S No. 123, GS No. 117; Paul Braccialarghe, S No. 86, GS No. 121; and Brandon Robb, S (DQ), GS No. 91.

Also, Jeff Alberti, GS No. 178; Justin Aldridge, S (DNF), GS No. 153; B.J. Cortis, S No. 133, GS No. 120; Dan Viens, S (DNF), GS No. 103; Greg Weld, S No. 96, GS No. 118; Kevin Perreault, S No. 116; and Ben Weld, S No. 128, GS No. 129.

Coach Glen Olsen, who is saddened by the fact that he is losing tri-captains Joe Scherpa, Matt Bellico, and Todd Zern, proudly maintained all three seniors provided leadership qualities and because of their positive, aggressive, and competitive attitude, their presence was extremely influential to the underclassmen.

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Bob Johnson On Sports...

"Hats Off" To Coming Of Spring

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

My mood (and hopefully, my writing) will be improving steadily somewhere along in here. That is because life is just a dream when we start getting three and four weeks past that little groundhog dude that commanded so much attention early this month.

Yeah, there are only a couple of us throwbacks in my neighborhood. My shovel doesn't make the same noise that those snowblowers make, so I just have my little boy stand behind me and vroom vroom his way through another frigid afternoon or evening.

Driving Backwards & Sideways

Like so many of you, I spent more time driving sideways than I did going forward or backward this Winter. This up close and personal look back at the Ice Age was something I could have done without. And I know I am not alone.

As a matter of fact, I completely lost my mind several Friday nights ago. (I know - some of you think this process took place a long time before that!) But I couldn't stand it anymore.

I took off my long undies, my scarves, my flannel shirts, my thermal socks, and my nosewear. I put on my wildest pair of shorts and a pair of black sneakers and I went outside (when it was minus eight degrees mind you) and helped my neighbor shovel out his driveway. The guys in the snowplows got a big, big kick out of it. I had the shivers for three days.

But I don't want to talk about shovels, snowblowers, groundhogs, or Frigid February. I want to talk about hats! Do you know that I actually wore one of those hats that only has nose and eye holes this Winter?

I wore hats that were black, brown, blue, and purple. It wasn't a Winter for fashion statements - it was a Winter for whining - and for freezing. And it was a Winter for wearing hats. And that's not necessarily a bad thing for a guy who has spent a career collecting hats.

The problem is that my hat collection consists almost entirely of baseball caps. Budweiser, Riverside Park, Oak Ridge Golf Club, Pittsburgh Steelers, New England Patriots, Los Angeles Raiders, "Where in the Hell is Long Creek Oregon," WHYN Radio, Boston Celtics, Camel Lights, NBC Sports, and on and on they go. I must have a couple hundred hats.

Some are classy; some are cheap. Some have awesome colors; others were given to me and never thrown out. There are three milk crates full of them and actually, only the ones on top get used. I really don't have an affinity for hats. It's just that Sy Sperling will never have me as a client and those ball caps do a nice job of covering up the male pattern baldness that is setting in these days.

I didn't set out to collect hats; it's just that when I spent all those years in radio, it seemed that every sponsor wanted to have hats and mugs and t-shirts until they come out of our ears. But one hat has always eluded me. And it is that hat I should wear every day of my life.

Never Worn A Sox Hat

I HAVE NEVER HAD A BOSTON RED SOX HAT! Can you believe it? I have been to Fenway Park well over 200 times. I have listened and watched at least 80 to 90 percent of Red Sox games that have been played in the last century (it seems). And I have never worn a Red Sox hat.

A couple years back, I coached a girls' softball team at Southwick High School and the kids gave me a Red Sox shirt. That was nice and I wear it often. Heck, I even have a Yankee hat and I wear it from time to time.

So my day was made last Saturday when a friend of mine showed up at my former place of employment and gave me my first Red Sox hat. And I have worn it every dance since I got it!

I don't care if there is six inches of snow or six feet of snow for the rest of this Winter.

I don't care if the mercury freezes in my thermometer. I will not wear those funny knit hats anymore this year. I'm wearing my Red Sox hat for the duration.

That's because Spring is here - as far as I'm concerned.

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Comp Too Much For AHS Hoop

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High Basketball Coach Mike Martin laid it out quite eloquently before the game. If the Brownies could beat the Chicopee Comp Colts last Friday night, the road to the playoffs seemed remarkably paved.

The 5-12 Brownies had taken a pounding from the Colts earlier in the season and the task seemed large, but the rewards were larger. A season that had started with such high hopes had turned out to be one of the more frustrating campaigns in many years. Injuries, ineligibilities, defections, and fan disinterest became the watchwords of the 1993-94 season.

Even on this night, the club's long range bomber (Nathan Wooley) would not be available at game time due to a commitment in the world of drama—he would be starring in a school play. It has been a wacky year.

The Brownies had propelled themselves back into contention earlier in the week when they took on league power Longmeadow High and smacked them around all night long (to the tune of an amazing 20 point road win). That avenged a loss to the Lancers at Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium in their first matchup of the season.

Comeback Trail

So it had to frustrate Martin when his club came out flatter than a pancake and trailed it 9-1 after four-and-a-half minutes of action. That poor start, coupled with the confidence of their talented league rivals, didn't bode well for the rest of the evening as the Brownies spent the entire game on the comeback trail. They trailed it by 17 at the half (42-25) and ultimately would come up 12 points short in their 79-67 loss.

The Comp depth and balance was on display all evening long as it continually demonstrated who was the kingpin on the Valley Wheel block. The most effective was forward Matt Brice. He brought a keen shooting eye and a scorer's mentality to the gym last Friday night. He killed the Brownies time after time.

The Colts made almost all of their free throws and stemmed the tide perfectly each time that the Brownies made a little run. The best Brownie surge of the night probably came at the outset of the second half.

Lead Trimmed To 10

Derek Poole continued one of his most productive nights on the varsity by dropping a pair of three pointers and a beautiful tap-in to go along with Todd Boskiewicz's slashing baseline work and a trifecta from the late-arriving Wooley. In just two-and-a-half minutes, the Agawam team had chopped seven points off the lead and had trimmed it to 10.

Senior point guard Mike Knodler then dug in on defense and made a steal. He went hard to the hole and somehow blew the bunny that would have cut it to eight. Naturally, Brice came back down and stroked another one through the cylinder and Comp was up by a dozen, 50-38. It was a big four point swing and anybody that has ever played the game of hoops competitively knows that an eight point deficit is nothing, but it's tough to come back from 10 down. It was a demoralizing series.

Poole and Boskiewicz combined to get Agawam back within 10 at 67-57 again, but they just could never get it to single digits. And time on the clock suddenly became an enemy of the hard-working visitors.

The loss was the fourth in the Valley Wheel for Agawam and essentially eliminated them from the upcoming Western Mass. tournament.

Bay West Blue Devils Still Riding High

The Bay West Blue Devils split their last four games to bring their overall record in the Mini Mite division to 10-3-3. On January 23rd, they faced WTM, a Mite team, in Enfield.

Despite playing one of their best games of the season, they came up on the short end of a 5-4 decision. The offensive stars of the game were Joey Meagher (3 goals, 1 assist) and Dennis Contrada (3 assists).

Also contributing were Roger Coughlin (goal), Chad Miller, Anthony DiMaio, and Tommy Burke (assists). Zack Laponese, Anthony DiMaio, and Tommy Burke played outstanding defensively in front of goaltender Jeremy Rogalski.

A major factor in this game was the referee's decision to not call any penalties, and make players apologize for infractions instead. Several Bay West breakaways were stopped when the WTM players realized they would not be penalized.

On January 30th, the Blue Devils played a much improved Tri-City team, but still skated away with a 2-0 victory. Dennis Contrada played an outstanding game in goal, earning the shutout. Chad Miller put Bay West on top 1-0 in the first period, assisted by Jeremy Rogalski and Anthony DiMaio.

Rounding out the scoring was Tommy Burke, who put a nice move on the Tri-City goalie. Assists on the goal went to Roger Coughlin and Tony Boido.

Bay West came out slow against Ludlow on February 5th, mainly due to a 7:00 a.m. starting time. Ludlow took an early lead just 11 seconds into the game, and held that lead until early in the second period.

The Blue Devils earned the score when Roger Coughlin took a pass from Anthony DiMaio, and made a nice rush down the ice. The Ludlow goalie made a nice save on Roger's shot, but Jeremy Rogalski was right there to put the rebound in.

Nick Petrangelo put Bay West ahead for good, early in the third period, taking a pass in his own zone from Anthony DiMaio and making several nice moves around Ludlow players before slipping it past the Ludlow goalie. Dennis Contrada once again played a great game in goal. The final score was Bay West 2, Ludlow 1.

On Sunday, February 6th, the Bay West players dropped a 4-1 decision to a pumped up Holy Name team. The team played a listless game, mainly in their own defensive end. The only Bay West goal of the game was scored by Roger Coughlin, unassisted.

The Blue Devils have one more game remaining before going into the District 6 playoffs, which will be held during school vacation week. We wish them luck!

Members of this year's team are Sean Astle, Tony Boido, Tommy Burke, Dennis Contrada, Roger Coughlin, Anthony DiMaio, Nick DiMaio, Mat Footit, Zack Laponese, Chris Lomma, Joey Meagher, Chad Miller, Nick Petrangelo, and Jeremy Rogalski.

They are coached by Pat Johnson, Chet Sulborski, Paul Coughlin, and Bill Footit.

JOE SCHERPA - from Page 38...

Joe has set some personal goals in his senior year and has accomplished them by finishing 18th in the individuals, consequently solidifying him a place in the elite top 30 in the league.

A very eloquent, polite young man with a warm, friendly smile, Joe has his sights set on college and a major in mechanical engineering. He hopes to continue his skiing throughout his college years, providing the school fields a team.

Joe altruistically attributes much of his success to Coach Glenn Olsen's philosophy and dedication to the team.

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J.W. Wimpy's	2 4
Gino's Package	2 4
Alvin's	0 6

WEST	W L
Provin Mt. Farms	6 0
CHH Engraving	6 0
Aldrich Ins.	4 2
Rackliffe Locksmith	1 5

8-10 AMERICAN DIVISION	
NORTH	W L
Pagnatare Texaco	5 1
Colonial Funeral Home	4 2
Westfield Savings	1 5
Valenti's Restaurant	0 6

SOUTH	W L
Unico	6 0
Village Lounge	5 1
Grimaldi & Burzdak	2 4
Agawam Police	2 4

10-12 DIVISIONS	
NATIONAL	W L
Briggs & Starr Ins.	6 1
E.B.'s Specialty Chicken	4 3
Corner Deli	3 4
Prof. Traffic Systems	3 4
Fran's Restaurant	0 7

AMERICAN	W L
Spirit Shoppe	6 1
Auth Fuels	6 1
Valenti's	5 2
Agawam Opticians	1 6
Movie Mart	1 6

13-15 DIVISIONS	
AMERICAN	W L
Briggs & Starr Ins.	6 1
Auth Fuels	5 2
EB's Specialty Chicken	3 4
Provin Mt. Farms	3 4

NATIONAL	W L
Fran's Restaurant	7 0
Worldtek Travel	2 5
Agawam Opticians	1 6
F. Hills Pharmacy	1 6

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8-10	W L
Worldtek Travel	6 0
Westfield Savings Bank	5 1
Aldrich Insurance	3 3
Agawam Police	2 4
Agawam Auto Sales	1 5
Prof. Traffic Systems	1 5

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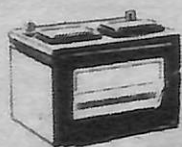


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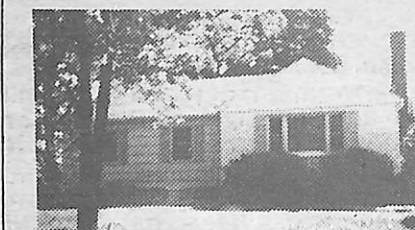


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Sports A La Carte...

Big Money Again Being Tossed Around Sports

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

With 15 minutes and 30 seconds left in the ballgame, the LSU Tigers are leading the Kentucky Wildcats by 31 points! The writers have their stories already played out in their minds; the fans have already changed the standings.

Then, RICK PITINO's Wildcats do something that I have never seen before. They drop three-pointer after three-pointer after three-pointer and come all the way back and win the game 99-95! Unbelievable—and that is why ESPN tells you not to miss any of their prime-time college hoops.

It's almost tournament time, sports fans...

At presstime, WAYNE GRETZKY has 795 goals in his terrific career and he needs just six to finally catch GORDIE HOWE, who is currently at the top of the pile...

Tampa just seems to be the place where ballplayers go to have their reputations ruined. DWIGHT GOODEN and many of the Mets had their problems there several years back—and now we can add DAVE STEWART and TODD STOTTLEMYRE to the list.

The Blue Jay pitchers got into a 1:30 A.M. nightclub scuffle over a \$3 cover charge. Jeez, why didn't they just sign a couple of autographs and use that money to get it? I don't get it...

Staying on the dark side for a moment—White Sox ace pitcher JACK MCDOWELL is going to scowl all the way through the 1994 campaign because he'll have to somehow make it on just \$5.3 million this year.

That represents the losing arbitration figure that he was forced to accept. Isn't that ridiculous? Trying to be fair about reporting this—McDowell did see teammates ROBIN VENTURA (\$20.7 million) and FRANK THOMAS (\$42 million) get locked up long term, and he just felt that there should have been a few bucks lying around the carpeted offices for him, too.

Oh well, struggle mightily, Black Jack; you might not be able to afford that automatic transmission in that new Lexus that you've been eyeing...

There is one fellow that is mighty happy to be in ChiTown. He is ERIK KRAMER, and the former Lion QB won a 15-man derby to be the signal caller at Soldier Field.

He got a three-year package worth a reported \$8.1 million. His claim to fame was taking that Silver Stretch offense of WAYNE FONTES and riding it right into the Championship game against the Redskins a couple of years back...

Somebody call the competition committee: In college hoops last Sunday, Culver-Stockton downed St. Louis Pharmacy 117-49. Those guys must have taken the wrong vitamins before the game. I wonder how those 68-point losses are handled by the head pharmacist...

Sure seems to be a growing number of guys failing the NBA physicals which are necessary to complete trades. Add DUANE CAUSWELL to the list.

He would have been Sacramento-bound from the Motor City, but the Pistons had to keep him due to the medical hangups...

Do you know the way to San Jose? The Chicago Black Hawks will because they have three consecutive games against the Sharks in a rare scheduling scenario. I wonder what the pitching matchups are in that three-game set...

Staying with the Sharks for a minute, *The Hockey News* voted the Sharks' logo as the tops in hockey. For my money, the New Jersey Devils have the best logo and that was voted the 15th best. For information, the Bruins' logo was ranked 10th, and the Whaler graphic efforts finished dead last at number 26...

What is this—a hockey column? Did you see that Finland had outscored its Olympic opponents 25-4 in their first five games in the Winter Games?

NBC had to be thrilled with that Knick-Bull game last Sunday afternoon. Chicago shot 29-69 from the floor (2-12 from three-point land) and less than 50% from the foul line. That might explain why they only had 28 points at halftime, and 68 for the entire ballgame...

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Piranhas Nipped By West Side By Single Point

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team lost a squeaker, 432-431, to the West Springfield Torpedoes. The meet was held January 23rd, 1994 at the West Springfield High School. The results included:

GIRLS' 8 & UNDER:

The team of Lauren Fox, Brittany Reid, Julia Weisgerber, and Leigh Stepanian placed second in the 100-yard medley relay.

Jill Kos, first in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay, the team of Allison Morris, Katie Gorman, Jill Kos, and Brittany Theriaque placed first.

Allison Morris, second in 25-yard freestyle.

Brittany Theriaque, second, and Leigh Stepanian, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Lauren Fox, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Jill Kos, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS' 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of Jeff Lagasse, Tom Gorman, Paul Lagasse, and Daniel Adamski placed second; the team of Sean Bruso, Kyle Ramstrum, Josh Lewin, and Doug Duquette placed third.

Paul Lagasse, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Eric Ramstrum, Doug Duquette, Josh Lewin, and Ben Bruso placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay; the team of Kyle Ramstrum, Sean Bruso, Jeff Lagasse, and Paul Lagasse placed third.

Daniel Adamski, first, and Doug Duquette, third in 25-yard freestyle.

Paul Lagasse, second, and Tom Gorman, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Daniel Adamski, second in 25-yard backstroke.

Ben Bruso, second, and Eric Ramstrum, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Ben Bruso, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS' 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Christina Climo, Kara Gilhooly, Hilary Golas, and Amanda Fox placed first; the team of Lucy Young, Ashley King, Kelly Currie, and Kaitlin Morris placed second.

Hilary Golas, first, and Christina Climo, second in 100-yard individual medley.

Kyleigh Egan, first, and Kara Gilhooly, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Amanda Fox, first, and Kyleigh Egan, second in 50-yard butterfly.

Amanda Fox, first, and Kara Gilhooly, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Hilary Golas, first, and Victoria Conti, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Christina Climo, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS' 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Joseph Santaniello, Josh Lewin, Brian McGuire, and Ryan Hanley placed first.

Nathan Adamski, third in 100-yard individual medley.

Joseph Santaniello, first, and Josh Lewin, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Brian McGuire, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Ryan Hanley, first in 100-yard freestyle.

Ryan Hanley, second, and Josh Lewin, third in 50-yard backstroke.

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BayWest Blue Devils Rock On

The BayWest Blue Devils continue to rack up the stats game after game to an impressive 9-2-3 record. The little guys have fought their way through to some tough victories and have earned a shot at the championship. The results of six of their games go as follows:

On December 19th, 1993, the Devils met Wilbraham Tri-Meadow at the Olympia for a fast-paced game that had all wondering the outcome. After a stand-off in the first period, both teams began to put it together at the onset of the second period. BayWest's Roger Coughlin began the assault :27 seconds into the period from an assist from Anthony Dimaio. The Devils continued the onslaught with a clean shot from Zak Laponese 3:08 into the second. Two minutes later, Anthony Dimaio banked another on an assist by Matt Footit.

The Devils expanded their advantage 7:30 into the second with an unchallenged goal by Roger Coughlin and a break away 9:10 in the second by Zak Laponese to lead 5-0 at the end of two periods. Wilbraham got the message in the third period and rallied back with three uncontested goals of their own. Tri-Meadow's C. Mastrangelo popped off the first two goals for Wilbraham; the first coming at 4:07 in the third period and the second only moments later at 4:47 in the same period (both times being assisted by J. Ruszek).

The final attempt for Wilbraham was made by A. Singer, who scored with an assist from teammate M. Calcasola. The final score on this game was 5-3 BayWest. The only penalty to arise throughout the event was given to Wilbraham's J. Kravitz for tripping 3:03 in the second period.

The next game on record was played at Fitzpatrick in Holyoke on January 2nd, 1994, where the Devils met with Tri-City. The guys on both teams seemed to be having a tough time shaking off the effects of Gram's Christmas cooking, as the game was slow and low in the scoring department. As has been his trademark of late, BayWest's Roger Coughlin took command of an early target with a score assisted by Zak Laponese at 2:36 of the first period.

The next score in the game came 1:33 in the second to BayWest off a double assist from Zak Laponese to Roger Coughlin for a Nick Petrangelo goal. Tri-City responded with a goal of its own by N. Almeida, who was provided an assist by his brother J. Almeida; however, that would be it for the day for the City. BayWest's two hot-shot combination dinged one off 4:23 in the third to keep Tri-City at bay (no pun intended). Roger Coughlin was given another score (assisted by Zak Laponese) to seal BayWest a 3-1 victory over Tri-City.

On January 8th, 1994, BayWest went heads up and knuckled up against Holy Name. These two teams have met several times this year and always provide the most exciting games when they do. The scoring in this game went back and forth and could have gone either way at the end.

BayWest opened the scoring at 7:39 in the first period with a double team by Anthony Dimaio, who assisted a Zak Laponese goal. The next score in the game came from Holy Name's Joshua Deblock, who scored on an assist from Brian Collins 2:57 into the second. BayWest hustled back when, at 3:56 in the period, Anthony Dimaio popped one in off an assist from Anthony Boido. Holy Name's Joe Bolog answered BayWest with a score of his own off an assist from teammate Joshua Deblock at 6:56 in the second.

BayWest, not content to lie down and go away, came back with double trouble of its own when Roger Coughlin smacked one in (assisted by Sean Astle) 8:09 into the second period. The third period had the puck up and down the ice in a fierce competition for supremacy. BayWest hit first when Anthony Dimaio picked off a nicely placed shot off an assist from Matt Footit 2:15 into the period. "Never say die!" was the rally call from Holy Name's Joshua Deblock, who slipped one past the BayWest defense (assisted by Eric Morin) at 5:43 of the third.

With only two minutes left in the game, Brian Collins and Joshua Deblock for Holy Name knocked one off to tie the game at Four all 8:00 into the third. Both teams went at it like a Mohammed Ali-Joe Frazier slugfest to get that last precious point that would decide the outcome of the game; however, neither team could score before time ran out. The final score for an outstanding performance was a 4-4 tie. With all the back-and-forth action, only one penalty was given to Holy Name's Robbie Lonetti for interference.

The next game up was played on January 22nd, 1994, with BayWest hosting Westfield at Smead in Blunt Park. This was another one of those games where all of the kids must have had a turkey dinner before they played.

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Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—
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Upcoming Sportsman's Events

The Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, March 12th at Casa Di Lisa, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and will consist of the same incredible meal that was raved about last year. The price is lower than last year. Only \$15 for members and guests.

After dinner there will be one of the greatest raffles, including rods and reels, lures (Phil will be there), cash prizes, and an assortment of merchandise for both men and women.

Donations will be greatly appreciated. For a wonderful time, this event should be attended by all members, spouses, girlfriends/boyfriends. All guests are very welcome.

The Sportsmen's Show will be held February 24th-27th at The Big E in West Springfield.

Upcoming Events:

March 9th-11th - Rhode Island Boat and Outdoor Expo, Providence Civic Center

March 17th-20th - Hartford Fishing Expo, Hartford Civic Center

March 21st - Western Mass. Fly Tiers Annual Show, Polish American Club, East Street, Ludlow, MA - 7:00 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Lou Tabory, author of "Inshore Fly Fishing." He is also an expert on Northeast salt water fly fishing.

March 27th-28th - Antique Anglers Show and Sale, Host Hotel, Boxborough, MA

HOW ABOUT GETTING THOSE YOUNGSTERS INVOLVED

Today's hurried pace has taken its toll on the nation's fishermen. Annually, the percentage of people who don't fish grows, and slightly over 60 million anglers has been the accepted figure for a number of years.

In 1992, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife suffered a \$500,000 loss of fishing license sales.

Every parent, grandparent, uncle, stepfather should take the time to introduce their youngsters to fishing. Seventy percent of all fishermen began before the age of nine. In other words, hook your child on fishing before nine, or it's probably too late.

I can recall 65 years ago on my fifth birthday when my uncle gave me a bamboo, four-foot casting pole, and my grandmother gave me a pair of knee-high fire engine red boots for my first fishing trip with my father.

We lived in back of the now-police station of Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. We walked through the woods and on Mill Street, which was a dirt road, to Silver Lake.

It was loaded with fish in those days. There were no homes on the lake, just an ice house. My dad tied on a red and white dare devil and showed me how to cast the spoon. I could throw it out about 10 feet and thought that I was doing good.

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BILL CHIBA'S GRANDSON, Seth, displays the Calico Bass he snagged out of Lake Champlain.

My dad retreated to the back of me so he could keep an eye on my dedicated casting. Suddenly, a pickerel hit the spoon and almost pulled me into the water! The reel sang as the line peeled out of it. As I recall, I don't think there were more than 30 feet of line on the reel. I held on and called for dad as I slipped slowly farther into the water.

The pebbles under foot gave me no traction. Suddenly, I felt two large hands around my middle, and my father saying, "Hold your rod up and start reeling in slowly. I've got you. Boy, what a big fish you have."

The pickerel measured 30 inches and weighed 6 pounds. I proudly carried that fish all the way to my grandmother's farm, for she promised to cook any fish I caught and she proudly did.

The worst mistake any parent can make is assuming a child has the same patience they do. Kids just don't want to sit for eight hours, whether in a boat or on shore. (If you're the parent of an exception, consider yourself lucky!)

The answer is a simple one. Resign yourself to giving up a day of fishing to start your child on a lifetime of fishing fun. Plan short trips, make sure they catch a fish (the species makes no difference to a youngster), and really spend some quality time with your partner.

You'll both be glad you did!

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In unusual fashion, BayWest allowed Westfield to place the first score on the board at 6:26 in the first period when Justin Kelsey put one past BayWest's goalie Dennis Contrada, who is usually cat-like in his defense of home turf. BayWest put together a little double team 3:20 into the second period to tie the game at One all when Joey Meagher scored a chip shot off an assist from Anthony Boido. The game remained tied at 1-1 until the time expired.

In a rematch played in the Enfield Twin rinks on January 23rd, 1994, BayWest took on the Wilbraham Tri-Meadows in a heated game. BayWest scored 4:53 in the first period to open up the scoring on a double assist from Anthony Dimaio to Joey Meagher to Roger Coughlin, who slipped it into the net for one. Not to be taken lightly this time around, Wilbraham came back with a triple combination of its own when J. Kravitz plunked one down off of a double assist from J. Default to B. Smith at 8:12 of the first. Then, exactly one minute later at 9:00 into the first, B. Smith sailed one to C. Mastrangelo, who (in turn) pitched it off to a patiently waiting J. Lafountain, who neatly laid one in to adjust the score to 2-1 at the end of the first.

The second period put BayWest back into the game when Joey Meagher came alive with a shot across the proverbial bow. The play was set up by the double assist from Tommy Burke to Dennis Contrada, who slung it out to Meagher for the kill. Undaunted, Wilbraham struck back at 6:34 of the second as J. Default passed the puck off to B. Smith, who ricocheted the puck to C. Mastrangelo for a net. BayWest, skating hard, stuck in one of their own 9:21 into the second when Anthony Dimaio shot the puck past the Wilbraham defensemen to Chad Miller, who quick-ditched it off to Joey Meagher for the score. The game was tied 3-3 at the end of the second.

The third period was an edge-of-your-seat affair with shots taken and missed, and the puck ... she was a fly'n. Wilbraham scored first at 5:16 into the third when C. Mastrangelo hit off an assist from M. D'Amadio, who received the puck from J. Default to bring the lead back to Wilbraham. BayWest's Joey Meagher let one fly for a goal after he was assisted by both Dennis Contrada and Tommy Burke to tie the game at 4-4 at 7:04 of the third.

Not to be outgunned this time around, Wilbraham answered for the final score of the game at 8:36 of the third period when M. Calasola pinned one in off an assist from D. Bouchard and B. Smith. The game final was 5-4 Wilbraham.

The latest game for which paperwork was provided took place on January 31st, 1994 at Fitzpatrick in Holyoke. BayWest was hosted by Tri-City, who recovered a shut-out for the invitation. BayWest laid down its first score 6:33 into the first period when Chad Miller nailed one in off an assist by Jeremy Ragalski, who received the puck from Anthony Dimaio for a nicely set up play.

The second period showed no scoring for either side. The third period had both teams up and down the ice until Anthony Boido set up a pass to Roger Coughlin, who steered the puck to Tommy Burke for goal number two of the game at 7:49 of the period. No further scores were made throughout the game; the final was 2-0 BayWest.

This brings the Devils to an 8-2-3 season; however, there exists a score sheet that cannot be located at this time which represented another win for the Devils, thereby boosting their record to 9-2-3.

As soon as the information on that game can be located, it will be presented to the readers of *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

Agawam Teams In Easter Seal Volleyball

Two Agawam teams will play volleyball in the Century 21/Easter Seal Volleyball Games, March 11th, 12th, and 13th at West Springfield High School. Games are co-sponsored by WWLP-22.

Teams already signed up for the Games include Heritage Hall West and United Processing.

All teams receive trophies and a chance to win a host of prizes from Red Sox tickets to Converse athletic shoes. Proceeds from the Games fund Easter Seal services for people with disabilities.

There's still time to sign up, according to Easter Seal representative Judy Casey. Team registrations will be accepted until Game day at the Easter Seal office, 734-6434.

"King Of Beers" Again Keys Racing

Riverside Park Speedway has been a key NASCAR Winston Racing Series facility to carry the Anhauser-Busch-Budweiser banner. And, for the 1994 season, race director Ben Dodge, Jr., is again proud to announce the association of Budweiser, the "King of Beers," to the successful Riverside program.

After months of re-negotiation, Dodge has signed a key promotional sponsorship program based on \$25,000 in money for the competitors in all five divisions that compete at Riverside in 1994. In these economic times, this agreement is a major plus to the supporters of Riverside racing.

"Budweiser has been a key supporter of my speedway promotional program for over 10 years. They have given the competitors at Riverside more than half-a-million dollars in support money through event participation sponsorship. Both Riverside Speedway and Budweiser have received both national and local exposure under my reign," said the aggressive Dodge, adding, "And, the 1994 program with Anhauser-Busch is better than ever before."

For 1994, competitors that race at Riverside Park Speedway will compete in the "Bud Light Saturday Thunder" race program. The total posted amount distributed will exceed \$25,000; this will include \$1,600 in qualifying heat and consi money for each Bud Series event, \$10,000 in the presentation of the "King of Beers 100," plus the Budweiser NASCAR Modified Tour race.

Some Things Never Change At Riverside Speedway In Agawam

Riverside Park Speedway is considered one of the premiere NASCAR short tracks in the country. The facility, owned by Edward J. Carroll, Jr. and promoted by director Ben Dodge, Jr., has broken almost every attendance record, car counts, sponsorship, and more. Dodge has won national recognition for his program and his recognized ability to achieve.

Fact is, Riverside Park Speedway is so unique it's hard to know where to begin to discuss it. The Park offers so many different programs that shock the racing fraternity and have made Riverside the facility of concern.

What makes Riverside unique, for starters, is the fact that it's located in New England's largest amusement park. Fans have the use of 50 food stands, free shows, and great games that are included free with a race ticket.

Fact number two, Riverside is the only track that offers a gift refund if the management doesn't have the show over before 10:45 p.m. If truth be told, it has the fastest, best-run program of its type—four to five divisions featuring over 100 cars and finished by 10:45!

Fact number three, racing in the Northeast is a great value. Riverside has one of the lowest prices, with most four- to five-division shows just \$9.99. Specials are \$12.99, and kids 12 and under are just \$2.99 (at all races).

Now remember, all prices include a walk through the Park, and every seat has a back rest—free! Season tickets are only \$200 for 36 events, plus free parking (this includes all Saturday shows, all Sunday shows, the Modified Tour, and Busch race). And, don't forget the Modified Tour and Busch races at Riverside because the speedway has one of the lowest admission prices ever.

Fact number four, the competitors themselves - a \$53,155 cash point fund attracts the best racers around! Owners and drivers in the top 15 don't pay to get in to race at Riverside. There is great variety and great value at Riverside, thanks to over 10 different types of divisions.

Now, these are just some of the things that won't change at Riverside Speedway. Oh, yes ... there will be a change, but for the better! New and creative ideas are continually being added to the racing history that has made Riverside Park Speedway number one in NASCAR!

Come see why and compare Riverside Park Speedway to any other facility. For speedway information, call (413) 786-9300 (extension 3264 - Attn: Mary) or write to: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001.

Free color schedule cards, posters, and more are available with rules, season tickets, and more. Don't forget—the 1994 racing season starts at Riverside Speedway on March 26th with the Budweiser "Big Chill."

Besides the tremendous cash amounts, the program offers Budweiser promotional packets, hats, etc., for the teams that compete and win in these events. In addition to all this, there are several special awards and the Bud Point Fund money that will be distributed at the banquet.

Jim Sadowsky of Williams Distributing will be involved in the presentation of the awards on race nights. Riverside is now operating every Saturday night starting March 26th with the NASCAR Modified Tour, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks.

The weekly Saturday night action starts at 6:00 p.m. Top drivers expected are Reggie Ruggiero, Stan Greger, Dan Avery, Ed Spiers, Bruce Dell, Bobby Gee, Larry Moore, and several others. The Pro Stocks have a new look with a strong image; frontrunners include Ed Carroll, Eddy Carroll, Ted Hebert, Dave Caruso, and Bill Lauridsen.

Late Models are strong with 40 cars. These includes Marty Leary, Mike Bushior, Gee Perry, Fred LaForge, Sumner Chapman, and Brian Merchant.

Strictly Stocks are very popular, thanks to drivers such as Rob Valerio, E.J. Legacy, Roger Fujimoto, Herb Carlon, Ed Charette, and Mike Salmond.

As for specials, the Pro 4 Modifieds include Renee Dupuis, Ken Hirt, and Ron D'Alessandro.

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Riverside's Pro Stock Division Prepares For Competitive Season

The Pro Stock Division at Riverside Park Speedway is getting geared up for another season at the quarter-mile, NASCAR Winston facility. And, this year's line-up looks tougher than ever before.

Last season, over 56 different Pro Stocks visited Riverside, and the \$14,480.06 point fund for just this division was a factor. Still, Riverside created the Pro Stocks in 1982; 12 years later, it is a division associated with interest.

Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, through Brookside Distributors, has been a corporate sponsor of Riverside Park Speedway for the last three years. The successful automotive parts firm has sponsored events and hosted corporate nights to over 2,000 Bumper to Bumper VIP suppliers. Just as the name Bumper to Bumper states, they sell and distribute all the parts from front bumper to rear bumper.

Pro Stock veteran driver Bill Lauridsen has always represented the company well with his success rate at Stafford in 1993 and at Riverside in previous years. For 1994, Lauridsen proposed his 1994 Bumper to Bumper race car sponsorship program.

Steve Martin, Vice President and General Manager, almost doubled the amount based on one detail—running weekly at Riverside Park Speedway. Bill Lauridsen jumped at the opportunity.

"It's simple," said Martin. "Numbers don't lie. Riverside Park Speedway has the numbers, attendance, exposure. Just compare ... dollar per dollar, it's a great exposure program. Ben Dodge knows how to treat sponsors."

Now, Bill Lauridsen had the financial support of a national program and began preparing for 1994. His new Bumper to Bumper program would feature two cars—one for Stafford and another for Riverside.

To insure the success of the team, Bill has become associated with Martin Prosko and Rich Moore. These two veterans were instrumental in Tom Fearn's championship seasons; now the team has a focus on not just racing, but the Riverside title.

Still, competition at Riverside will be tough in the Pro Stocks. Defending champion Dave Caruso will be back, as will Tom Fearn and the Carroll father/son team. Then there's Scott Bailey, Tom Carey, Rich Vassaur, John Lobo, Kevin Czarnecki, Ted Hebert, and Dave Salzarulo (and the list goes on and on).

There are no rule changes in 1994; the division will remain under the same basic rule presentation.

The 1994 Riverside season starts March 26th with the Budweiser "Big Chill." On April 2nd, Pro Stocks will run their first event of the 1994 season.

For a color schedule, poster, rules, season tickets, and more, write or call today: Riverside Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn: Mary) or call (413) 786-9300 (extension 3264).

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Another Page In Short Track Racing To Begin At Riverside In March

What do Geoff Bodine, Brett Bodine, Mike McLaughlin, Doug Heveron, Ron Bouchard, Bill Greco, Ed Flemke Sr., Ken Bouchard, Bob Stefanik, and hundreds of others have in common with Riverside Park Speedway? As one looks in the Riverside record books, the answer is simple ... all these great drivers have competed and won at Riverside Park Speedway in the successful quarter-mile program.

On Saturday, March 26th, at 6:00 p.m., race fans and competitors from all over New England will be writing a new chapter in the record books at Riverside. It's almost as if racing in the Northeast begins at Riverside Park Speedway. Fact is, it does (since the Speedway opens first on March 26th).

As always, Riverside has approached the racing market with a serious unique presentation in the 90's, and the competitors, race fans, and media are key ingredients in the success of Riverside and its race program.

The "Big Chill" program will open the 1994 season and feature the NASCAR Tour Type Modifieds. Drivers expected include Stan Greger, Reggie Ruggiero, Dan Avery, Brian Miller, Bruce Dell, Bobby Gee, Marty Radewick, Cliff Jones, Ed Spiers, Eric LeClair, and several others. The list of new Modified drivers may include Doug Meserve, Tom Creveho, John Anderson, and the Christophers. All will be in search of page one in the history book as the winner of the first race of 1994 at Riverside.

First place will pay \$1,700; second, \$1,150; third, \$950; fourth, \$700; and fifth, \$600. Any car starting the feature is guaranteed at least \$225. All heat races and consis will pay bonus money (as much as \$100). Owners and drivers who finish in the top 15 points get in free at all events.

The Late Models will also be a part of the event, as the Pro Stocks begin on April 2nd with an alternating schedule. Late Models will pay \$400 to win; second, \$300; third, \$200; fourth, \$175; and fifth, \$150. Any qualified car is guaranteed at least \$50 (plus heat and consi money). Strictly Stocks will also be a part of the opener on March 26th.

Admission is \$12.99 for the "Big Chill," which features 12-plus NASCAR events. Children 12 and under are just \$2.99 each at all events. Pit fee for NASCAR members is \$15. A season pass is just \$200 (limited time offer).

For a free color schedule or poster, write: Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn: Mary), or call (413) 786-9300, ext. 3264.

Goodyear - The Tire Of Choice For Modified Division At Riverside

After three months of negotiations, testings, and corporate meetings, Riverside Park Speedway's director of racing, Ben Dodge, has finalized the 1994 Modified tire program at Ed Carroll's successful NASCAR quarter-mile in Agawam.

A base minimum presentation to be added in the point fund of \$9,000 is one of many ingredients in the Speedway and competitor choice of tire at Riverside. For 1994, the Riverside NASCAR Tour Type Modified division will run on Goodyear, distributed by Dave Lind Tire/Competition Tire East, Rte. 125, Plaistow, New Hampshire.

Riverside's Modified tire of approval will be priced at \$130—a tremendous savings on the premiere Goodyear Modified brand. Right sides will be 27 x 13 x 15 - D2131 M-100/D2132 M200 and left side 26 x 13 x 15 - D1990 or D1860/M50 D1991. Goodyear has been the Modified tire of choice by Riverside Modified teams and has been serviced with success by Dave Lind Tire for over 20 years.

Besides the great price value and point contribution of \$9,000, Riverside competitors are getting a first-rate tire that repeats. This also offers a great deal of logic to competitors that are going to make the move to the Modified Tour. Fact is, in some cases it's the same tire and a quality Goodyear structure.

Many veteran car owners and drivers advised in the final tire situation of choice for the Modifieds. Among the respected names are veteran owner Bob Judkins, a three-time championship owner, as well as drivers Stan Greger, Reggie Ruggiero, Bruce D'Alessandro, and Dan Avery (who've all used the product and agree on its superior quality).

Last year, the overall point fund at Riverside exceeded \$53,155.62. With this total amount going directly to the competitors, Riverside's Modified division alone shared \$21,558 (with the 1994 point fund expected to be even larger).

For 1994, Modified Tour racing starts first on Saturday, March 26th, with the Budweiser "Big Chill." The line-up of drivers includes Reggie Ruggiero, Dan Avery, Bobby Gee, Bruce D'Alessandro, John Johnson, Ed Spiers, Brian Miller, Marty Radewick, Larry Moore, Ted Christopher, and many others.

The Modified division rules are available in the NASCAR Rule Book. All other Riverside division rules are available by written request only to: Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn: Mary). Free color schedules and color posters are also available by written request.

Don't forget—races are at 6:00 p.m. every Saturday starting March 26th ... only at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA!

Hoosier Tires To Be Featured In Four Riverside Divisions

Remember the old saying "You might have lost the battle but still won the war"? Hoosier Tire and Hoosier Tire East might feel like that because in their 1994 bid for tire usage, Hoosier proposed tires for the five premiere Riverside Park Speedway divisions ... and Hoosier won four out of five as the tire for 1994!

Still, the Modifieds were again the choice of the Goodyear brand, so four out of five isn't bad. And, anyone in racing knows the importance of Riverside Park Speedway and the management decisions of director Ben Dodge, Jr., and owner Edward J. Carroll, Jr.

Still, it took three months of negotiations and research—and, as always, value, performance, and repeatability were factors. The division that was the hardest to decide almost went to another brand, but the final tally went to Hoosier for the Pro Stocks at Riverside in 1994.

The Riverside Pro Stocks will run 10/27-15 right side F-55 and 10/27-15SH left side F53 at a cost of \$87 each plus tax. Riverside Speedway again will have a Pro Stock point fund alone to exceed \$12,280; this is the highest point fund offered for Pro Stocks anywhere, exclusively at Riverside.

The popular Late Model division will also be Hoosier G70-15 Street TD and F70-15 Street TD at a price of \$76 plus tax. Riverside's Late Models will share a guaranteed point fund estimated at \$10,160 (based on the actual amount of 1993).

Strictly Stocks and the all-new Super Stocks are the class of line entry choice. The estimated fields total 100 cars. These two groups totally run Highway Commanche G70-15 and F70-15 at \$72 a tire plus tax. With a point fund (yes, a point fund!) exceeding \$2,500, Riverside is the only track in the country with such a fund for the Strictly Stock division!

Pro-4 Modifieds (the four-cylinder, open-wheel race cars that run a special schedule) will include Hoosier tires 10/23-13 right side F15 and 10/23-13SH F15 at \$95 each plus tax (with \$2,500 point fund).

Hoosier Tire East, located on Loomis Street in Manchester, Connecticut, will service the track and supply the brand. Hoosier has been involved at Riverside for over 12 years and is a respected part of the success story at Riverside.

For rules in any of these divisions, write to: Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001. Free color schedules, posters, etc., are available by written request or call (413) 786-9300 (extension 3264).

Remember, racing starts March 26th (April 2nd with the Pro Stocks) and continues every Saturday at 6:00 p.m. ... only at Riverside!

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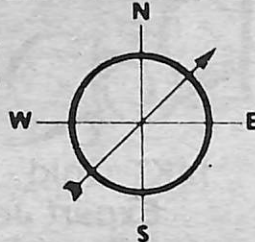
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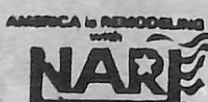
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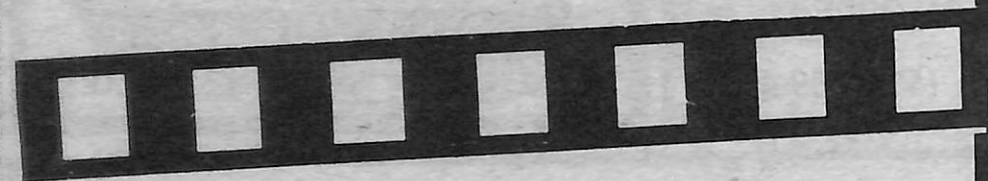


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